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THE  
HISTORY  
OF THE  
LIFE  
AND  
ADVENTURES  
OF  
Mr. DUNCAN CAMPBELL,

A

Gentleman, who, tho' Deaf and Dumb, writes  
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tura & a quibusdam intelligi prædicique posse censeat.*

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TO THE  
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 O F  
 G R E A T B R I T A I N.



*I* Am not unacquainted, that, ever since this Book was first promis'd by way of Advertise-ment to the World, it was greedily coveted by a great many Persons of airy Tempers, for the same reason, that it has been condemn'd by those of a more  
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#### iv Epistle Dedicatory.

*formal Class, who thought it was calculated partly to introduce a great many new and diverting Curiosities in the way of Superstition, and partly to divulge the secret Intrigues and Amours of one part of the Sex, to give the other part room to make favourite Scandal the Subject of their Discourse; and so to make one half of the fair Species very merry, over the Blushes and the Mortifications of the other half. But when they come to read the following Sheets, they will find their Expectations disappointed, (but I hope I may say too) very agreeably disappointed. They will find a much more elegant Entertainment than they expected. Instead of making them a Bill of Fare out of patchwork Romances of polluting Scandal; the good old Gentleman who wrote the Adventures of my Life, has made it his Business to treat them with a great variety of entertaining Passages which always terminate in Morals, that tend to the Edification of all Readers*



## Epistle Dedicatory. v

*ders of whatsoever Sex, Age, or Profession. Instead of seducing young, innocent, unwary Minds into the vicious delight, which is too often taken in reading the gay and bewitching Chimeras of the Caballists, and in perusing the inticing Fables of new-invented Tricks of Superstition, my ancient Friend, the Writer, strikes at the very Root of these Superstitions, and shews them, how they may be satisfy'd in their several Curiosities, by having recourse to time, who by the Talent of the Second-sight (which he so beautifully represents, how Nature is so kind frequently to implant in the Minds of Men born in the same Climate with myself) can tell you those things naturally, which when you try to learn your selves, you either run the Hazard of being impos'd upon in your Pockets by Cheats, Gypsies and common Fortune-tellers, or else of being impos'd upon, in a still worse way, in your most lasting Welfare, by having recourse to*

## vi Epistle Dedicatory.

*Conjurers or Inchanters that deal in Black Arts, and involve all their Consultants in one general Partnership of their execrable Guilt ; or lastly, of imposing worst of all on your own selves, by getting into an Itch of practising and trying the little Tricks of Female Superstition, which are often more officiously handed down, by the Tradition of credulous Nurses and old Women, from one Generation to another, than the first Principles of Christian Doctrine, which 'tis their Duty to instil early into little Children. But I hope when this Book comes to be pretty generally read among you Ladies, (as by your generous and numerous Subscriptions, I have good reason to expect) that it will afford a perfect Remedy and a thorough Cure to that Distemper, which first took its Rise from too great a Growth of Curiosity, and too large a Stock of Credulity nursed prejudicially up with you in your more tender and infant Years.*

*Whatever*

## Epistle Dedicatory. vii

*Whatever young Maid hereafter has an innocent but longing Desire to know who shall be her Husband, and what time she shall be marry'd, will, I hope, when she has read in the following Sheets of a Man that can set her right in the Knowledge of those Points, purely by possessing the Gift of the Second-sight, sooner have recourse innocently to such a Man than use unlawful Means to acquire it, such as running to Conjurers to have his Figure shewn in their enchanted Glasses, or using any of those traditional Superstitions, by which they may dream of their Husbands, or cause visionary Shapes of them to appear on such and such Festival Nights of the Year; all which Practises are not ordinarily wicked and impious, but downright diabolical. I hope that the next twenty ~~ninth~~ of June, which is St. John Baptist's Day, I shall not see the several Pasture Fields adjacent*

## viii Epistle Dedicatory.

*to this Metropolis, especially that behind Montague House, throng'd, as they were the last Year, with well drest young Ladies crawling busily up and down upon their Knees, as if they were a parcel of Weeders, when all the Business is to hunt superstitiously after a Coal under the Root of a Plantain, to put under their Heads that Night, that they may dream who should be their Husbands. In order to shame them out of this silly but guilty Practice, I do intend to have some Spies out on that Day, that shall discover who they are, and what they have been about; and I here give notice to the Publick, that this ill-acted Comedy (if it be acted at all this Year) must begin according to the Rule of their Superstition, on that Day precisely at the Hour of Twelve. And so much for the pretty Weeders: But as you (Ladies) have had several Magical Traditions deliver'd to you, which, if you put in Exercise and Practice, will*  
be



## Epistle Dedicatory. ix

*be greatly prejudicial to your Honour and your Virtue ; let me interpose my Counsels, which will conduct you innocuously to the same end, which some Ladies have labour'd to arrive at by these Impieties. Give me leave first to tell you, that tho' what you aim at may be arriv'd to by these Means, yet these Means make that a miserable Fortune which would have been a good one ; because in order to know human Things beforehand, you use preternatural Mediums , which destroy the Goodness of the Courses, which Nature her self was taking for you, and annexes to them diabolical Influences, which commonly carry along with them Fatalities in this World as well as the next. You will therefore give me your Pardon likewise, Ladies, if I relate some other of these Practices, which bare relation of it self, after what I have said before, seems to me sufficient to explode them.*

*Another*

## x Epistle Dedicatory.

*Another of the Nurses Prescriptions is this. Upon a St. Agnes's Night, the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of January, take a Row of Pins and pull out every one, one after another, saying a Pater noster, or Our Father, sticking a Pin in your Sleeve, and you will dream of her you shall marry. Ben Johnson in one of his Maskes makes some mention of this.*

And on sweet St. Agnes Night  
Please you with the promis'd sight,  
Some of Husbands, some of Lovers.  
Which an empty Dream discovers.

*Now what can be more infinitely prophane than to use the Prayer of our Lord instituted in such a way?*

*There is another Prescription, which is as follows: You must lie in another County, and knit the left Garter about the right-legg'd Stocking (let the other*  
I Garter

## Epistle Dedicatory. xi

*Garter and Stocking alone) and as you rehearse these following Verses, at every Comma knit a Knot.*

This Knot I knit,  
To know the thing I know not yet,  
That I may see  
The Man that shall my Husband be:  
How he goes, and what he wears,  
And what he does all Days and  
Years.

*Accordingly in your Dream you will see him: If a Musitian with a Lute or other Instrument; if a Scholar with a Book, &c. Now I appeal to you, Ladies, what a ridiculous Prescription is this? But yet as slight a thing as it is, it may be of great Importance if it be brought about, because then it must be construed to be done by preternatural Means, and then those Words are nothing less than an Application to the Devil.*

Mr.

## xii Epistle Dedicatory.

*Mr. Awbrey of the Royal Society says, a Gentlewoman; that he knew, confessed in his hearing that she used this Method, and dreamt of her Husband whom she had never seen: About two or three Years after, as she was one Sunday at Church, up pops a young Oxonian in the Pulpit; she cries out presently to her Sister, this is the very Face of the Man I saw in my Dream. Sir William Somes's Lady did the like.*

*Another way is to charm the Moon thus, (as the old Nurses give out) at the first Appearance of the Moon after New-years-day, (some say any other New Moon is as good) go out in the Evening, and stand over the Sparrs of a Gate or Stile, looking on the Moon (here remark that in Yorkshire they kneel on a Ground-fast Stone) and say,*



## Epistle Dedicatory. xiii

All hail to the Moon, all hail to thee,  
I prithee good Moon reveal to me  
This Night who my Husband shall  
be.

*You must presently after go to Bed:  
The aforesaid Mr. Awbrey knew two  
Gentlewomen that did thus when they  
were young Maids, and they had  
Dreams of those that married them.*

*But a great many of the wittiest  
part of your Sex laugh at these common  
Superstitions; but then they are apt to  
run into worse: They give themselves  
up to the reading of the Cabalistical  
Systems of Sylphs, and Gnomes; and  
Mandrakes, which are very wicked  
and delusive Imaginations.*

*I would not have you imagin (La-  
dies) that I impute these things as In-  
firmities and Frailties peculiar to your  
Sex. No; Men, and great Men too,  
and*

## xiv Epistle Dedicatory.

*and Scholars, and even Statesmen and Princes themselves have been tainted with Superstitions; and where they infect the Minds of such great Personages, they make the deeper Impression, according to the stronger and more manly Ideas they have of them. Their greater degree of Strength in the Intellect only subjects them to greater Weaknesses; such was even the great Paracelsus, the Wonder and Miracle of Learning in the Age wherein he lived, and such were all his Followers, Scholars, Statesmen, Divines, and Princes that are Talismanists.*

*These Talismans that Paracelsus pretends to owe to the Excogitation and Invention of honest Art, seem to me to be of a very diabolical Nature, and to owe their Rise to being dedicated by the Author to the Heathen Gods. Thus the Cabalists pretending to a vast Penetration into Arts and Sciences (tho' all their Thoughts are Chimeras and*  
Extra-

## Epistle Dedicatory. xv

*Extravagancies, unless they be help'd by preternatural Means) say they have found out the several Methods appropriated to the several Planets: They have appropriated Gold to the Sun on the Sunday, Silver to the Moon on the Monday, Iron to Mars on the Tuesday, Quicksilver to Mercury on the Wednesday, Tin to Jupiter on the Thursday, Copper or Brass to Venus on the Friday, and Lead to Saturn on the Saturday. The Methods they take in forming these Talismans are too long to dwell upon here. But the Properties which they pretend belong to them are, that the first Talisman or Seal of the Sun will make a Man beloved by all Princes and Potentates, and cause him to abound with all the Riches his Heart can wish. The second preserves Travellers from Danger, and is favourable to Merchants, Tradesmen, and Workmen. The third carries Destruction to any place where it is put; and 'tis said that a certain*  
great

## xvi Epistle Dedicatory.

*great Minister of State order'd one of these to be carry'd into England in the Times of the Revolution of Government caused by Oliver Cromwell. The fourth they pretend cures Fevers and other Diseases; and if it be put under the Bolster, it makes the Proprietor have true Dreams, in which he sees all he desires to know. The fifth, according to them, renders a Man lucky and fortunate in all his Businesses and Undertakings. It dissipates Melancholy, drives away all importunate Cares, and banishes panic Fears from the Mind. The sixth, by being put into the Liquor which any one drinks, reconciles mortal Enemies, makes them intimate Friends; it gains the Love of all Women, and renders the Proprietor very dextrous in the Art of Musick. The seventh makes Women be easily brought to Bed without Pain; and if a Horseman carries it in his left Boot, himself and his Horse become invulnerable.*

*This*



## Epistle Dedicatory. xvii

*This Paracelsus and his learned Followers say is owing to the Influence of the Stars; but I can't help arguing these Acts of diabolical Impiety. But as these Arts are rarely known among the midling part of Mankind, I shall neither open their Mysteries, nor inveigh against them any farther.*

*The Persons, who are most to be avoided, are your ordinary Fortune-telling Women and Men about this Town, whose Houses ought to be avoided as a Plague or a Pestilence, either because they are Cheats and Impostors, or because they deal with Black Arts, none of them that I know having any Pretensions to the Gift of a Second-sight. Among many, a few of the most notorious, that I can call to mind now, are as follow. The first and chiefest of these mischievous Fortune-tellers is a Woman that does not live far from the Old Bailey. And*  
*a truly*

## xviii Epistle Dedicatory.

*truly the Justice Hall in that Place is the properest Place for her to appear at, where, if she was try'd for pretending to give Charms written upon Paper with odd Scrawls, which she calls Figures, she would be probably convicted, and very justly condemn'd, and doom'd to have her last Journey from the Old Bailey to Newgate, and from Newgate to Tyburn. The other is a Fellow that lives in Moor-fields, in which Place, those who go to consult him, ought to live all their Life-times at the famous Palaces of the senseless Men: He is the Successor of the famous Dr. Trotter, whose Widow he marry'd; and from being a Taylor and patching Mens Garments, he now cuts Flourishes with his Sheers upon Parchment, considers the Heavens as a Garment, and from the Spangles thereupon, he calculates Nativities, and sets up for a very profound Astrologer. The third is an ignorant Fellow that kaws out strange*

I      Predictions

## Epistle Dedicatory. xix

*Predictions in Crow-Alley, of whose croaking Noise I shall here take no Notice, he having been sufficiently mawl'd in the most ingenious Spectators. These and such Counterfeits as these I would desire all Gentlemen and Ladies to avoid. The only two really learned Men, that I ever knew in the Art of Astrology, were my good Friends Dr. Williams and Mr. Gadbury; and I thought it necessary to pay this Esteem to their Manes, let the World judge of them what it will. I will here say no more, nor hinder you any longer, Gentlemen and Ladies, from the Diversion which my good old Friend, who is now departed this Life, has prepared for you in his Book, which a young Gentleman of my Acquaintance revised, and only subscribe my self,*

Yours, &c.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL.







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THE  
HISTORY  
OF THE  
LIFE  
AND  
Surprizing ADVENTURES  
OF  
*Mr. Duncan Campbell.*

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The INTRODUCTION.

F all the Writings delivered in  
a Historical manner to the  
World; none certainly were  
ever held in greater Esteem  
than those, which give us the  
Lives of distinguished private  
Men at full length; and, as I may say, to the  
B Life.



Life. Such curious Fragments of *Biography* are the Rarities, which great Men seek after with eager Industry, and, when found; prize them as the Chief Jewels and Ornaments, that enrich their Libraries: And deservedly; for they are the Beauties of the greatest Men's Lives handed down by way of Example or Instruction to Posterity, and commonly handed down likewise by the greatest Men. Since therefore, Persons distinguished for Merit in one Kind or other, are the constant Subjects of such Discourses, and the most Elegant Writers of each Age have been usually the only Authors, who chuse upon such Subjects to employ their Pens, and since Persons of the highest Rank, and Dignity, and *Genij* of the most refined and delicate Relish, are frequently curious enough to be the Readers of them, and to esteem them the most valuable Pieces in a whole Collection of Learned Works. It is a Wonder to me, that when any Man's Life has something in it peculiarly Great and Remarkable in its Kind, it should not move some more skilful Writer than myself to give the Publick a Taste of it, because it must be at least vastly Entertaining, if it be not, which is next to impossible, immensely Instructive and Profitable withal.

If ever the Life of any Man under the Sun was Remarkable, this Mr. *Duncan Campbell's*, which I am going to treat upon, is so, to a very eminent Degree.



It affords such variety of Incidents, and is accompanied with such diversity of Circumstances, that it includes within it, what must yield entire Satisfaction to the most learned, and Admiration to Persons of a moderate Understanding. The Prince and the Peasant will have their several Ends of worthy Delight in reading it ; and Mr. *Campbell's* Life is of that Extent, that it concerns and collects ( as I may say ) within it self every Station of Life in the Universe. Besides, There is a Demand in almost every Page, that relates any new Act of his, for the finest and closest Disquisitions that Learning can make upon human Nature, to account how those Acts could be done by him. For he daily practised, and still practices those Things naturally, which puts Art to the rack to find out how Nature can so operate in him ; and his fleshly Body, by these Operations, is a living practical System or Body of new Philosophy, which exceeds even all those that have hitherto been compounded by the Labor and Art of many Ages.

If one that had speculated deep into abstruse matters, and made it his Study, not only to know, how to assign natural Reasons for some strange new Acts, that looked like Miracles by being peculiar to the individual Genius of some particular admired Man, but carrying his Enquiry to a much greater height had speculated likewise, what might

possibly be achieved by human Genius in the full Perfection of Nature, and had laid it down as a *Thesis* by strong Arguments, that such Things might be compassed by a human Genius (if in its true degree of Perfection) as are the hourly Operations of the Person's Life I am writing, he would have been counted a wild Romantick Enthusiast, instead of a Natural Philosopher. Some of the wisest would be Infidels to so new and so refined a Scheme of Thinking, and demand Experiment, or cry it was all against Reason, and would not allow the least Tittle to be true without it. Yet the Man that had found out so great a Mystery, as to tell us, what Might be done by Human Genius, as it is here actually done, would have been a great Man within himself; but wanting farther, Experimental Proof could lay no claim to the Belief of others, or consequently to their Esteem: But how great then is the Man, who makes it constantly his Practice, actually to Do, what would not otherwise have been thought to be of such a Nature, as might ever be acquired by mortal Capacity, tho' in its full Complement of all possible Perfection? He is not only great within himself, he is great to the World; his Experiments force our Belief, and the amazing Singularity of those Experiments, provokes both our Wonder and Esteem.

If any learned Man should have advanced this Proposition, that meer human Art could  
give

give to the Deaf-Man, what should be equal to his Hearing, and to the Dumb-Man an equivalent for his want of Speech, so that he should converse as freely almost, as other Hearing or Talking Persons, that he might tho' born Deaf, be by Art taught, how to Read, Write, and understand any Language, as well as Students that have their Hearing, would not the World, and many even of the Learned Part of it say, that nothing could be more extravagantly Wild, more Mad and Frantick? The learned Dr. *Wallis*, Geometry Professor of *Oxford*, did first of all lay down this Proposition, and was counted by many to have overshot the Point of Learning, and to have been the Author of a whimsical Thesis. And I should not have wondered, if, after a Man's having asserted This might be done before it was actually done, some blind devout People, in those Days, had accused him of Heresy, and of attributing to Men a Power of working Miracles. The Notion of the *Antipodes* was by the most learned Men of the Age in which St. *Augustin* lived, and by the Great St. *Austin* himself treated in no milder a manner; yet if the Ability of teaching the Deaf and the Dumb a Language, proved a Truth in Experience afterwards, ought not those to turn their Contempt into Admiration, ought not those very People to Vote him into the Royal Society for laying down this Proposition, who, before it proved true in Fact, would have been very



forward to have sent him to *Bedlam*? The first Instance of this Accomplishment in a Dumb Person, was proved before King *Charles II.* by this same *Dr. Wallis*, who was a Fellow of the *Royal Society*, and one of the most ingenious of that Society.

But notwithstanding this, should I come afterwards and say, that there is now living a Deaf and Dumb Man, and born so, who could by dint of his own Genius teach all others Deaf and Dumb to Read, Write, and Converse with the Talking and Hearing Part of Mankind, some would, I warrant, very religiously conclude, that I was about to introduce some strange new Miracle-Monger and Impostor into the World; with a Design of setting up some new Sect of Antichristianism, as formidable as that of the *Brachmans*. Should I proceed still farther and say, that this same Person so Deaf and Dumb, might be able also to shew a presaging Power, or kind of prophetical Genius (if I may be allowed the Expression) by telling, any strange Persons, he never saw before in his Life, their Names at first Sight in Writing, and by telling them the past Actions of their Lives, and predicting to them determined Truths of future Contingencies; notwithstanding what Divines say, that *In futuris contingentibus non datur determinata veritas*, would not they conclude that I was going to usher in a new *Mahomet*? Since therefore there does exist such a Man in *London*, who actually is Deaf  
and

and Dumb, and was born so, who does Write and Read, and Converse as well as any Body, who teaches others Deaf and Dumb to Write and Read, and Converse with any Body, who likewise can, by a presaging Gift, set down in Writing the Name of any Stranger at first Sight, tell him his past Actions, and predict his future Occurrences in Fortune, and since he has practised this Talent as a Profession with great Success, for a long Series of Years, upon innumerable Persons in every State and Vocation of Life, from the Peereſs to the Waiting-Woman, and from the Lady Mayoreſs to the Milliner and Sempſtreſs, will it not be wonderfully Entertaining to give the World a perfect History of this so singular a Man's Life? And while we are relating the pleasant Adventures with such prodigious Variety, can any thing be more agreeably instructive in a New Way, than to intersperse the Reasons, and account for the manner how Nature, having a mind to be remarkable, performs by him Acts so mysterious.

I have premised this Introduction, compounded of the Merry and the Serious, with the Hopes of engaging many curious People of all sorts to be my Readers, even from the airy nice Peruser of Novels and Romances, neatly Bound, and finely Gilt, to the grave Philosopher, that is daily thumbing over the musty and tatter'd Pieces of more solid Anti-



quity. I have all the Wonders to tell, that such a merry kind of a Prophet has told, to Entertain the Fancies of the first gay Tribe, by which means I may intice them into some solid Knowledge and Judgment of Human Nature ; and I have several solid Disquisitions of Learning to make, Accounting for the manner of these Mysterious Operations, never touched upon before, in due Form and Order by the Hands of the Antient or Modern Sages, that I may Bribe the Judgment of this last Grave Class so far, as to endure the Intermixing of Entertainment with their severer Studies.

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## C H A P. I.

MR. CAMPBELL'S *Descent, Family, Birth, &c.*

OF the Goodness and Antiquity of the Name and Family of this Gentleman, No body can ever make any Question : He is a *Campbell*, Lineally Descended from the House of *Argyll*, and bears a distant Relation to the present Duke of that Name in *Scotland*, and who is now Constituted a Duke of *England*, by the Stile and Title of the Duke of *Greenwich*.

It happens frequently, that the Birth of Extraordinary Persons is so long disputed by different People, each claiming him for their own, that the real place where he first took  
Breath

Breath grows at last dubious : And thus it fares with the Person, who is the Subject of the following Sheets ; as therefore it is my Proposal to have a strict regard to *Historical Faith*, so am I obliged to tell the Reader that I can with no certainty give an Account of him, till after he was Three Years Old ; from which Age I knew him even to this Day : I will Answer for the Truths which I impart to the Publick during that Time, and as for his Birth and the Circumstances of it, and how the first Three Years of his Life passed ; I can only deliver them the same Account I have received from others, and leave them to their own Judgments, whether it ought to be deemed Real or Fabulous.

The Father of our Mr. *Duncan Campbell* (as these relate the Story) was from his Infancy of a very curious inquisitive Nature, and of an Enterprizing Genius, and if he heard of any thing Suprizing to be seen, the Difficulty in Practise was enough to recommend to him the attempting to get a sight of it at any rate or any Hazard. It is certain, that during some Civil broils and troubles in *Scotland*, the Grandfather of our Mr. *Campbell* was driven with his Wife and Family by the Fate of War into the Isle of *Schetland*, where he lived many Years, and during his Residence there, Mr. *Archibald Campbell*, the Father of our *Duncan Campbell*, was Born.

*Schet-*

*Schetland* lies North-East from *Orkney*, between 60 and 61 Degrees of Latitude. The largest Isle of *Schetland* by the Natives called the *Main-Land*, is sixty Miles in Length, from South-West to the North-East, and from sixteen, to one Mile, in Breadth.

The People who Live in the smaller Isles have abundance of Eggs and Fowl, which Contributes to maintain their Families during the Summer.

The ordinary Folks are mostly very nimble and active in climbing the Rocks in quest of those Eggs and Fowl. This Exercise is far more diverting than Hunting and Hawking among us, and would certainly for the Pleasure of it, be followed by People of greater Distinction, was it not attended with very great Dangers, sufficient to turn sport into sorrow, and which have often proved fatal to those who too eagerly pursue their Game. Mr. *Archibald Campbell* however delighted extreamly in this way of Fowling, and used to condescend to mix with the common People for Company, because none of the Youths of his Rank and Condition were venturesome enough to go along with him.

The most remarkable Experiment of this sort, is at the Isle called the *Noss* of *Brassah*: The *Noss* standing at sixteen fathom distance from the side of the Opposite Main; the higher and lower Rocks have two Stakes fastened in each of them, and to these there  
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are Ropes tied : Upon the Ropes there is an Engine hung which they call a Cradle, and in this a Man makes his way over from the greater to the smaller Rocks, where he makes a Considerable purchase of Eggs and Fowl ; but his return being by an Ascent, makes it the more Dangerous, tho' those on the great Rock have a Rope tied to the Cradle, by which they draw it and the Man safe over for the most part ? Over this Rock Mr. *Archibald Campbell* and five others were in that manner let down by Cradles and Ropes ; but before they could be all drawn back again it grew Dark, and their Associates not daring to be benighted, were forced to withdraw, and Mr. *Campbell* was the unfortunate Person left behind, having wandered too far, and not minded how the Day declined being intent on his Game. He passed that Night, you may easily guess, without much Sleep, and with great Anxiety of Heart. The night too as he lay in the open Air was, to add to his Misfortune, as Boisterous and Tempestuous as his own mind ; but in the end the Tempest proved very happy for him : The Reader is to understand that the *Hamburghers*, *Bremeners* and *Hollanders*, carry on a great Fish Trade there. Accordingly a *Holland* Vessel that was just coming in the sound of *Brassab*, was by this Tempest driven into a Creek of the Rock, which Nature had made into a Harbonr,

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and they were Providentially saved from the bottom of the Sea by a Rock, from which humanly speaking they could expect nothing but Destruction, and being sent to the bottom of that Sea. As never could a Man be taken hold of with so sudden and surprizing a Disaster, so no body could meet with a more sudden and surprizing Relief than Mr. *Campbell* found, when he saw a Ship so near. He made to the Vessel, and begged the *Hollanders* to take him in; they asked him what he would give them, or said the Barbarous Sailors, we will even leave you where you are; he told them his disaster, but they asked Money and nothing else would move them: As he knew them a self interested People, he bethought himself, that if he should tell them of the plenty of Fowls and Eggs they would get there; he might not only be taken in a Passenger, but made a Partner in the Money arising from the Stock; It succeeded accordingly, when he proposed it, the whole Crew were all at Work, and in four hours, pretty well stored the Vessel, and then returning on board set Sail for *Holland*. They offered Mr. *Campbell* to put him in at his own Island: But having a mind to see *Holland*, and being a Partner, to learn their way of Merchandize; which he thought he might turn to his Country Mens Advantage, he told them he would go the Voyage out with them, and see  
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the Country of those who were his Deliverers, a necessary way of Speech, when one has a Design to sooth *Barbarians*, who but for Interest would have left him unredeemed, and for ought they knew a perpetual sole Inhabitant of a Dreadful Rock, compassed round with Precipices, some, three hundred Fathom high. Not so, the Islanders (who are wrongly called a Savage set of Mortals) no, they came in quest of him after so bitter a Night, not doubting to find him, but fearing to find him in a Lamentable Condition : they hunted and ransacked every little hole and corner in the Rock, but all in vain. In one place they saw a great Slaughter of Fowls enough to serve forty Families for a Week ; and then they Guesseed, tho' they had not the ill Fortune to meet the Eagles frequently noted to hover about those Isles, that they might have Devoured part of him on some Precipice of the Rock, and dropt the Remnant into the Sea. Night came upon them, and they were afraid of falling into the same Disaster, they went to relieve Mr. *Campbell* from. They returned each to their proper Basket, and were drawn up safe by their respective Friends, who were amazed that one Basket was drawn up empty which was let down for Mr. *Campbell*, and that there was not the least Intelligence to be had Concerning him, but the Suppositious Story of his having been Devour'd by  
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Eagles. The Story was told at Home; and with the Lamentation of the whole Family, and all his Friends; he was looked upon to be Murthered or Dead.

Return we now to Mr. *Archibald Campbell* still alive, and on Board the *Holland* Vessel; secure as he thought within himself, that from the Delivery he lately had by the Gift of Providence, he was not intended to be liable to any more Misfortunes and Dangers of Life, in the Compass of so small a Voyage. But his Lot was placed otherwise in the Book of Fate, than he too fondly imagined: His Time of Happiness was dated some Pages lower down, and more rubs and difficulties were to be Encountered with, before his Stars intended to lead him to the Port of Felicity. Just as he Arrived within sight of *Amsterdam*, a Terrible Storm arose, and in Danger of their Lives, for many Hours, they Weathered out the Tempest; and a Calm promising fair afresh, they made to the Coast of *Zealand*; but a new Hurricane prevented the Ship from coming there also; and after having lost their Masts and Rigging, they were driven into *Lapland*. There they went a Shore in order to careen and repair their Ship, and take in Provisions, while the Ship was Repairing by the *Dutch*, our Islander made merry with the Inhabitants, being the most inclined to their Superstitious Customs; he there became acquainted  
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with a very Beautiful Woman, who fell in Love with him, and after a very short space of Time he Married her. About the Time when the Ship departed, his Wife who was very Rich, was big with Child of a Son, namely, Mr. *Duncan Campbell*. He wrote a Letter by the Master of the Vessel to his Parents, in *Schetland*, concerning the various Adventures he had met with, which was delivered the *June* following, about the time of Fishing, to his Parents, and several Persons had Copies thereof, and for ought I know, some retain them to this very Day; sure I am, that many remember the Particulars of this Surprising Affair, who are now living in that Island.

The Letter being very Remarkable and Singular in all its Circumstances: I shall present it the Reader Word for Word, as it was given into my Hands, together with some others which he wrote afterwards, in all which I am assured by very credible Persons, and undoubted Authorities; there are not the least Alterations, but what the Version of it from the then *Scotch* Manner of Expression into a more Modern *English* Dress, made absolutely necessary.

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*My Dearest FATHER,*

**T**HE same odd Variety of Accident which put it out of my Power to be Personally present with you for so long a time, put it likewise out of my Power to write to you. At last Fortune has so ordered it, that I can send a Letter to you, before I can come my self, and it is written Expressly to tell you the Adventures I have met with, which have detain'd me this tedious Space of Time, from my Dear Father, and because the same Captain of a Ship that brings you this, might as easily have brought your Son to speak for himself. I shall in the next place lay before you the necessity there is for my stay a little longer among the strange Natives of the Country, where I now Inhabit, and where I am in a manner become Naturalized.

You have, no doubt of it been, informed by my Companions, some of whom I hope got safe back again, if not all, that I was lost, where many a brave Man has perished before me, by going over the high Precipices of the Mountain *Brassah* in a Basket, sliding down by a Rope. I must suppose I have given you the Anguish of a Father, for a Son, who you thought, had lost his Life by such a Fool hardy Attempt, and I implore your Pardon with all the Power of Filial Contrition, Penitence and Duty. You have always shewed me such  
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singular Marks of Paternal Affection, that I know your Receipt of this Letter will fill your Heart with Joy, and Cause you to Sign me an Absolution and free Pardon for all the Errors I have Committed, and think the Sufferings, I have undergone for my Rashness and Indiscretion, a sufficient Attone-ment for my Crime of making you by my Undutifulness a Partner of my Sorrows. To free you the more from this uneasiness, I know I need only tell you, that every Grief of mine is gone excepting one, which is, that I must still lose the Pleasure of seeing you a little longer. There was never surely a more bitter Night, than that which must by me be for ever remembered; when I was lost in the Mountain of *Brassah*, where I must for aught I know have liv'd for ever a wild single Inhabitant, but that the Storm which made the Night so uneasie to me, rendered the first Approach of Day-light, beyond Measure, Delightful. The first Providential Glimpse of the Morning gave me a view of a Ship driven by the Tempest into a Creek of the Rock, that was by Nature formed like a Harbour; a Miraculous Security of Deliverance as I thought, both for the Ships Crew and my self: I made all the haste I could, you may be sure to them, and I found them to be *Dutchmen*, that were come for Fish, but in lieu of Fish I instructed them to Load it with Eggs and Fowl, which we compassed very happily in a short

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Space of Time, and I was to be a Sharer with the Captain in the Lading, and Bargained to go for *Holland*, to see the Sale, and the Nature of Traffick, but when we were at Sea, after much bad weather we made towards *Zealand*, but we were driven upon the Coast of *Finland*, by a new Storm, and thence into *Lapland*, where I now am, and from whence I send you this Letter.

I could not come into a place so properly named for my Reception: As I had been Undutiful to you, and Fortune seemed to make me an Exile, or a Banished Man, by way of Punishment for the Vices of my Youth; so *Lapland* (which is a Word originally derived from the *Finland* Word *Lappi*, that is Exiles, and from the *Swedish* Word *Lap*, signifying Banished, from which two Kingdoms most of our Inhabitants were Banished hither, for not embracing the Christian Religion) was certainly the properest Country in the World to receive Me.

When first I entered this Country, I thought I was got into quite another World: The Men are all of them Pigmies to our Tall Brawny *Highlanders*; they are generally speaking, not above Three Cubits high, inso-much that tho' the whole Country of *Lapland* is immensely large, and I have heard it reckoned by the Inhabitants, to be above a Hundred *German* Leagues in Length, and Fourscore and Ten in Breadth: Yet I was  
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the Tallest Man there, and looked upon as a Giant. The District in which I live now, is called *Uma Lapmark*—You must understand Sir, that when I Landed at North Cape, in *Kimi-Lapmark*, another District of *Lapland*; there was at that time a most Beautiful Lady come to see a Sick Relation of her Father's; who was Prefect, or Governor of *Uma Lapmark*, which is a Post of Great Distinction—This Lady, by being frequently in the Company of *French* Merchants, who Traffick now and then in that Province of *Uma Lapmark*, understood French, and having heard of a Man six Foot and a half high, desired to see me, and when I came, she happened mightily to like my Person; and she talked *French*, which when I answered, she made great Signs of Joy, that she could Communicate her Sentiments to me, and she told me who she was, how Rich, and that not one in the Company besides, could understand a Syllable we said, and so I might speak my Mind freely to her; she told me the Customs of the Country, that it was divided into Cantons, like our Shires, and those Cantons into *Rekars*, or certain Grounds allotted to Families, that are just like our Clans. As she was beyond measure Beautiful, she was extreamly good humoured (a thing rarely to be met among *Lapland* Women) of a better Stature than her Country Women, and very Rich, and of good Birth; I thought

it would be a prodigious Turn of Fortune, for a Man in my Circumstances, if I could make any Progress in her Heart, which she seemed a little to open to me, in such a manner, for the beginning, as if such a successful Event, if managed with Prudence, might not be despaired off. Souls that are Generous are apt to Love, and Compassion is the best introducer of Love into a Generous Bosom, and that was the best Stock I had, to go upon in my Courtship: I told her of all my Calamities, my Dangers, and my Escapes; the Goodness of my Birth, as being Allied to one of the Greatest Nobles in our Island; and still she would ask me to tell it her over again, tho' every time I told it, just at such and such Passages, she was forced to drop the Tears from her Eyes. In fine I grew more in Love with her, out of a Sense of Gratitude now, than by the Power of her Charms before: The matter in a few Days, went so far, that she owned to me, I had her Heart. As to Marriage, I did not then know the Custom of the Nation; I thought that if it proved only Dangerous to me, I loved her so well, that I intended to Marry her, tho' the Law was to Pronounce me Dead for it; but I did not know whether it might not be Perilous for her too, to Engage in such a State with me, and I resolved in that Case, rather to be singly unhappy, than to involve her in Distress, and make her the fair Companion  
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of my Woes. I would not tell her so, for fear she should out of Love hide from me those Dangers, and therefore using a kind sort of Dissimulation, I conjured her to tell me the Laws and Customs of Marriages in that Country, to a tittle, and that nothing should hinder us from Happiness. She told me exactly, as I find since. Our Marriage said she, will be very hard to Compass; provided we follow the strict Rule of the Country. For our Women here, are bound not to see the Man, who makes their Addresses to them, in some time. His way of Courtship, is to come to the Parents, and his nearest Friends and Relations must make her Father Presents, and Supplicate him like a King, to Grant him his Daughter. The Courtship often lasts two or three Years, and sometimes has not its Effect at last: But if it has, the Woman is dragged by her Father and Brother to Church, as unwilling to go to be Married, which is looked upon as a greater part of Modesty in her, according to the greater Disinclination she shews. My Father and Brother, said she, will both be against it: You have no Relations in this Country to move your Suit, I cannot be so Hypocritical, as to be dragged unwillingly to him I own I desire for my Lawful Husband, and therefore as I have an Inclination to you, and I dare own I have, I will not follow those methods, which I disapprove. I have talked with se-



veral *Swedes*, and several *Polite Frenchmen* about their Manner of *Espousals*, and I am told, that when Souls are naturally united by Affection, the Couple so mutually and reciprocally Loving, tho' they had rather have their Parents leave if likely to be got, yet nnwilling to be disappointed, only go to the next Minister's and Marry for better for worse. This way I approve of, for where two Persons naturally love each other, the rest is nothing but a modest restraint to their Wishes, and since 'tis only Custom, my own Reason teaches me, there is no Error Committed, nor any harm done in breaking thro' it, upon so commendable an Occasion. I have, added she, a Thousand Rain-Deer belonging to me, beyond my Father's Power of taking away, and a Third share in a Rekar or Clan, that is ten Leagues in Compass, in the Byar or Canton of *Uma Lapmark*. This is at my own Disposol, and it is all your own, if you please to accept of it with me. Our Women are very coy, when they are Courted, tho' they have never so much an Inclination to their Suitor: but good Reason and the Commerce I have had with Persons of Politer Nations, than ours is, teach me that this proceeds entirely from Vanity and Affectation, and the greatest Proof of a Women's Modesty, Chastity, and Sincerity certainly consists (contrary to the general corrupted opinion) in yielding up  
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her self soon into the Arms of the Man she Loves. For she that can dally with a Heart she prizes, can give away her Heart (when she is once baulked) to any Man, even tho' she dislikes him. You must Judge (my Dear Father) I must be touched with a Woman that was exceeding Beautiful, beyond any of her Nation, and who had Thoughts as Beautiful as her Person. I therefore was all in Rapture, and longed for the Matrimony, but still loved her enough to propose the Question, I resolved to her, *viz.* If it would not be in her Nation accounted a Clandestine Marriage, and prove of great Damage to her.

To this she answered, with all the Wisdom which could be expected from a Woman, who had given such Eminent Tokens of her Judgment on other points, amidst a Nation so Barbarous in its Manners, and so Corrupt in its Principles, as *Lapland* is. I am, said she, answerable to my Father, for nothing by our Laws, having no Portion of him, but only what was presented me by my Relations, at my Birth, according to Custom, in Lands and Rain-Deer. My Father is but Deputy Governor, 'tis a *Swede* who is the Governor of *Uma*, and if I pay to him at every Mart and Fair the due Tribute which must either consist of Fifty Rain-Deer, or one hundred and fifty Rixdollars, he will have the Priest that Marry's us present at the Court of Justice, accord-

ing to our Custom, and keep us in Possession of our Rights, that we may be enabled to pay Tribute to the Crown of *Sweden*. Indeed, before the Abolition of the *Birkarti*, which were our Native Judges, we could not have Married thus without Danger to us both ; but now there is none at all.

*My Dear Father*, You must easily imagin that I could not help embracing with all tendernefs so dear and so lovely a Woman. In fine, I am Married to her, I have lived very happily hitherto, and am now grown more happy, for she is big with Child ; and like, before my Letter comes to your Hands, to make you a Grandfather of a pretty Boy. You will perhaps wonder, that I name the Sex of the Child, before it comes into the World ; But we have a way in *Lapland* of finding that out, which tho' some Judicious People call Superstitious, I am really perswaded of by Experience, and therefore I indulged my dear Wife's curiosity, when she signified to me, she had a Mind to make the usual Tryal, whether the Child she was going to be Delivered of, would be a Boy or a Girl.

You must understand (*My Dear Father*) the People here Judge of the Sex of the Child by the Moon, unto which they compare a Big-bellied Woman. If they see a Star appear just above the Moon, it is a sign it will be a Boy, but, if the Star be just below the Moon, they conjecture her to be big with a Girl.

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This Observation and Remark of *Laplanners* has (I know) been accounted by some, and those Wise and Judicious Men too, to be ridiculously Superstitious; but I have been led into an easie belief of this Mystery, by a Mistress (that is Superior to Wisdom it self) Constant, and therefore probably Infallible, Experience. I therefore indulged my Wife in this her request, and went with her to the Ceremony; the Star appeared above the Moon, which Prognosticates a Boy, which I wish may, and I scarce doubt will prove true, and when she is brought to Bed, I will send you word of it. It is remarkable likewise, that a Star was seen just before the Moon, which we also count a very good Omen. For it is a custom likewise here in *Lapland*, to consult the Moon, as an Oracle about the Health and Vigour of the Child. If a Star be seen just before the Moon, we count it a sign of a lusty and well grown Child, without Blemish; if a Star comes just after, we reckon it a token that the Child will have some defect or deformity, or die soon after it is Born.

Having thus told you the Manners of the Country I live in at present, as much at large as the space of a Letter will permit, and related to you my own happy Circumstances, and the kindly Promises of the Heavens, that are Ushering in the Birth of my Child, I would not have you think that I addict my  
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self to the Superstitions of the Country, which are very many and groundless ; and arising partly from the remainder of *Pagan* Worship, which is still Cultivated among some of the more obstinate Inhabitants. I have on the Contrary, since I Married her, endeavoured to repay my Wife's Temporal Blessings to me with those that are endless, instructed her in all the Points of Religion, and made her perfectly a Christian ; and she by her Devotion and Prayers for me, makes me such amends for it, that I hope in us two *St. Paul's* saying will be verified, *viz. That the Woman shall be sanctified in her Husband, and the Husband shall be sanctified in his Wife.*

However, I must take notice in this Place, with all due deference to Christianity, that tho' I am obliged to applaud the Prudence and Piety of *Charles* the Ninth of *Sweden*, who Constituting *Swedish* Governors over this Country, Abrogated their Practise of Superstitions, and Art Magick upon pain of Death ; Yet that King carried the point too far, and intermingled with these Arts, the pretensions to the gift of a second sight, which you know how frequent it is with us in *Scotland*, and which I assure you, my Wife (tho' she durst not Publickly own it, for fear of incurring the penalty of those *Swedish* Laws) does as it were inherit (for all her Ancestors, before her, have had it from time Immemorial) to



a greater degree than ever I knew any of our Country Women or Country Men.

One day this last Week she distracted me, between the extreams of Joy and Sorrow. She told me I should see you shortly, and that my coming Son would grow to be one of the most remarkable Men in *England* and *Scotland*, for his Power of Foresight; But that I should speedily lose her, and meet with difficulties in my own Country, in the same manner as my Father (meaning you Sir) had done before me, and on the same Account, *viz.* Of Civil broils, and intestine Wars in *Scotland*.

These Unfortunate parts of her Relation, I would not conceal from you, because the veracity of her Notions should appear, if they are true, tho' you may be sure I much wish they all may prove false to the very last, excepting that, wherein she tells me, my Son will be greatly remarkable, and that I shall shortly see my Dear Father, which I daily long for, and will endeavour to do, as soon as possible. Pray remember me to all Friends; Being,

*Honoured Sir,*

*Your Most Dutiful*

*and Loving Son,*

Archibald Campbell.

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*The Second Letter.*

**I** Am now the happiest Man alive; the Prosperous part of my Wife's Predictions, which I mentioned to you in my last, is come in some measure to pass. The Child she has brought me proves a Boy, and as fine a one, as I ever beheld, (if fondness for my own makes me not blind) And sure it can't be fondness, because other plain Circumstances joined at his birth, to prove it a more than ordinary Remarkable one. He was born with a Cawl upon his Head, which we count one of the Luckiest Signs, that can be in Nature; he had likewise three Teeth ready Cut thro' the Gums, and we reckon that an undeniable Testimony and Promise given to the World by Nature, that she intends such a Person for her extraordinary Favourite, and that he is born for great Things, which I daily beg of Heaven, may come to pass.

Since I have known for some Months, what it is to be a Father, it adds a Considerable weight to those Affections which I had for my Wife. I thought that my Tenderness for her was at the height of perfection before; which shews how little we know of those Parts of Nature, that we have yet never tryed, and of which we have not yet been allotted our share to  
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act upon the Stage of Life. I find that I did love her then as well as a Husband could love a Wife (that is) a Wife without a Child, but the love to a Wife that has a Child, is a feeling wonderful and inexpressibly different. A Child is the Seal and the Pledge of Love, Meditating upon this, has likewise doubled my Affection to you ; I loved you before as a Son, and because as such, I felt your Tender-ness ; but my Love is much increased now, because I know the tenderness which you felt for me as a Father : With these pleasing images of thought, I often keep you nearer company at this vast distance , than when I lived irregularly under your Eye. These reflexions render a Solitary Life dear to me. And tho' I have no manner of Acquaintance with her Relations, who hate me as I am told, nor indeed with almost any of the Inhabitants, but my own Domesticks, and those I am forced to deal with, yet I have as much methinks, as I wish for, unless I could come over to *Schetland*, and live with you, which I the more ardently desire ; because I think I and my Wife could be true comforts to you, in your advanced Years ; now I know what living truly is. I am daily perswading my Wife to go with me ; but she denies me with kind Expressions, and says, she owes too much to the Place (however less pleasant in it self than other Climates) where she had the happiness of first joining  
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Hands with me in Wedlock, ever to part from it. But I must explain how I ask, and how she refuses. I resolved never directly and downrightly to ask her, because I know she can refuse me nothing: And that would be bearing hard upon the Goodness of her Will. But my way of perswading her, consists in endeavouring to make her in Love with the Place by agreeable Descriptions of it, and likewise of the Humane temper of the People; so that I shortly shall induce her to signify to me, that it is her own Will to come with me, and then I shall seem rather to consent to her Will, than to have moved it over to my own. These hopes I have of seeing my dear Father very shortly, and I know such News would make this Letter which I therefore send more acceptable to him, to whom I will be,

*A most Dutiful and*

*Affectionate Son till Death,*

Archibald Campbell.

P. S. If I cannot bring my Wife to change this Country for another, I have brought her to that pitch of Devotion, that whenever Providence, which notwithstanding her Predictions, I hope, will be long yet, shall call her to change this World for another, it will  
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be happy with her there; she joins with me in begging your Blessing to me, her self, and our little *Duncan*, whom we Christened so, out of a respect to the Name you bear.

### *The Third Letter.*

*My Dear FATHER,*

I Am lost in Grief—I had just brought my Wife (her that was my Wife, for I have none now, I have lost all Joy) in the Mind of coming over to be a comfort to you. But now Grief will let me say no more, than that I am coming to beg comfort from you, and by this I prepare you to receive, when he comes, a Son in Tears and Mourning.

*Archibald Campbell.*

P. S. I have a Babe not much above two Years old, must bear the hardships of Travelling over the Ice, and all thro' *Muscovy*, for no Ships can stir here for many Months, and I cannot bear to live in this inhospitable Place, where she dyed, that only could make it easie to me, one Moment beyond the first opportunity I have of leaving it; she is in Heaven: that should make me easie: but I cannot, I am not so good a Christian as she was, I am lost and ruined.

## C H A P. II.

*After the Death of Mr. Duncan Campbell's Mother in Lapland. His Father Archibald returned with his Son to Scotland. His Second Marriage, and how his Son was taught to Write and Read.*

**M**R. Archibald Campbell, having buried his Lapland Lady, returned to Scotland; and brought over with him his Son Mr. *Duncan Campbell*: By that time he had been a Year in his own Country, he Married a Second Wife; a Lady whom I had known very well, for some Years, and then I first saw the Boy, but as they went into the Western Islands, I saw them not again in three Years. She being quite contrary to the cruel way much in Use among Step-Mothers, very fond of the Boy, was accustomed to say, she did, and would always think him her own Son. The Child came to be about four Years of Age (as she has related to me the Story since) and not able to speak one Word, nor to hear any noise; the Father of him used to be mightily oppressed with Grief, and complain heavily to his new Wife, who was no less perplexed that a Boy so pretty, the Son of so particular a Woman, which he had made his Wife, by strange Accidents and Adventures, and a Child coming  
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into the World with so many amazing Circumstances attending his Birth, should lose those precious Senses, by which alone the social Commerce of Mankind is upheld and maintained, and that he should be deprived of all Advantages of Education, which could raise him to the Character of being the great Man, that so many concurring incidents at his Nativity promised and betokened, he would be.

One day a Learned Divine, who was of the University of *Glasgow*, but had visited *Oxford*, and been acquainted with the chief Men of Science there, happening to be in conversation with the Mother in Law of this Child, she related to him her Son's Misfortunes, with so many Marks of Sorrow, that, she moved the good old Gentleman's Compassion, and excited in him a desire, to give her what Relief and Consolation he could, in this unhappy case. His particular inclination to do her good Offices, made him recollect, that at the time he was at *Oxford*, he had been in Company with one Doctor *Wallis*, a Man famous for Learning, who had told him, that he had taught a (born Deaf and Dumb) Man to Write, and to Read, and even to utter some sounds articulately with his Mouth; and, that he told him, he was then going to Commit to Print the Method he made use of, in so Instructing that Person, that others, in the like unfortunate Condition,

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might receive the same Benefits and Advantages from other Masters, which his Deaf and Dumb Pupil had received from him. A Dumb Man recovering his Speech, or a Blind Man gaining his Sight, or a Deaf one getting his Hearing, could not be more overjoyed, than Mrs. *Campbell* was at these unexpected Tidings, and she wept for Gladness, when he told it. The Good Gentleman Animated and Encouraged her with the kindest Promises, and to keep alive her hopes, assured her he would send to one of the chief Booksellers in *London*, to enquire after the Book, who would certainly procure it him, if it was to be got, and that afterwards he would peruse it diligently, make himself Master of Doctor *Wallis* his Method, and tho' he had many great Works upon his Hands at that time, he would steal from his other Studies leisure enough to compleat so Charitable an Office, as teaching the Dumb and Deaf to Read, and to Write, and give her Son, who was by *Nature* Deprived of them, the Advantages of Speech, as far as *Art* would permit that *Natural* Defect to be supplied by her Powerful Interposition.

When the Mother came Home, the Child, who could hear no knocking, and therefore it must be by a strange and inexplicable instinct in Nature, was the first, that ran to the Door, and falling in a great fit of Laughter



ter (a thing it was not much used to before, having on the contrary rather a Melancholly cast of Complexion) it clung round its Mother's Knees, incessantly embracing and kissing them, as if just at that time it had an insight, into what the Mother had been doing for it, and into its own Approaching Relief from its Misery.

When the Mother came with the Child in her hand to the Father, to tell him the welcome News ; the Child burst afresh into a great fit of Laughter, which continued for an unusual space of time ; and the scene of such reciprocal Affection and Joy between a Wife and her own Husband, on so signal an occasion, is a thing, easier to be felt by Parents of a good Disposition, imagining themselves under the same Circumstance, with regard to a Child they loved with fondness, than to be expressed or described by the Pen of any Writer. But it is certain, whenever they spoke of this Affair, as any Body, who knows the impatience of Parents for the Welfare of an only Child, may guess they must be often Discoursing it over, and wishing the time was come ; the Boy, who used seldom so much as to smile at other times, and who could never hear the greatest noise that could be made, would constantly look wishfully in their Faces, and laugh immoderately, which is a plain Indication, that there was then a wonderful Instinct in Nature

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ture as I said before, which made him foretaste his good Fortune, and, if I may be allowed the Expression, The Dawnings as it were of the Second sight, were then Pregnant within him.

To confirm this, the happy hour of his Deliverance being come; and the Doctor having procured Mr. *Wallis's* Book, came with great Joy, and desired to see his Pupil; scarce were the Words out of his Mouth, when the Child happened to come into the Room, and running towards the Doctor, fell on his Knees, kissed his Hand eagerly, and Laughed as before, which to me, is a Demonstration, that he had an insight into the Good, which the Doctor intended him.

It is certain, that several Learned Men, who have written concerning the *Second sight*, have Demonstrated by uncontestable Proofs, and undeniable Arguments, that Children, nay, even Horses and Cows, see the *Second sight*, as well as Men and Women advanced in Years. But of this, I shall Discourse at large, in its proper Place, having allotted a whole future Chapter for that same Subject of Second sightedness.

In about half a Year, the Doctor taught his little Dumb Pupil, First, to know his Letters, then to name any thing whatsoever, to leave off some Savage Motions, which he had taken of his own accord, before to signify his Mind by, and to impart his Thoughts

Thoughts by his Fingers and his Pen, in a Manner as intelligible, and almost as swift thro' the Eyes, as that is of conveying our Ideas to one another, by our Voices thro' the Conduits and Portholes of the Ears. But in little more than two Years, he could Write and Read, as well as any Body, because a great many People cannot conceive this; and others pretend it is not to be done in Nature: I will a little Discourse upon Doctor Wallis's Foundation, and shew in a Manner obvious to the most ignorant; how this hitherto, Mysterious help, may be easily Administred to the Deaf, and the Dumb, which shall be the Subject of the ensuing Chapter.

But I cannot Conclude this, without telling the handsome saying, with which this Child, when not quite Six Years old, as soon as he thought he could express himself well, payed his first Acknowledgment to his Master, and which Promised, how great his future Genius was to be, when so Witty a Child ripened into Man. The Words, he wrote to him, were these, only altered into *English*, from the *Scotch*.

*Sir, It is no little Work, you have Accomplished, My Thanks are too poor amends: The World, Sir, shall give you Thanks; for as I could not have expressed my self without your Teaching me, so, those that can talk, tho' they have Eyes, cannot see the Things,*



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*which I can see, and shall tell them, so that,*  
*in doing me this, you have done a Gene-*  
*ral Service to Mankind.*

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### CHAP. III.

*The Method of Teaching Deaf and Dumb  
Persons to Write, Read, and understand  
a Language.*

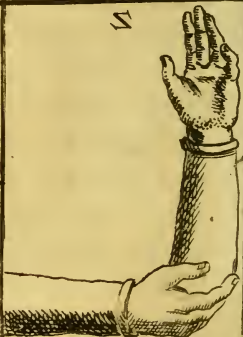
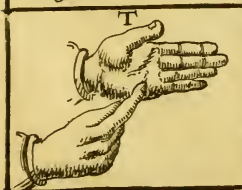
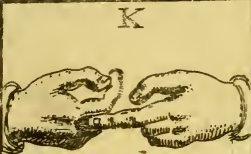
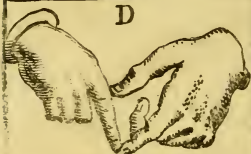
**I**T is, I must confess, in some Measure amazing to me, that Men, of any Moderate Share of Learning, should not naturally conceive of themselves, a plain Reason for this Art, and know how to Account for the Practicability of it, the Moment they hear the Proposition advanced, the Reasons for it, are so obvious to the very first Consideration we can make about it. It will be likewise as amazing to me, that the most ignorant should not conceive it, after so plain a Reason is given them for it, as I am now going to set down.

To begin : How are Children at first taught a Language that can hear ? Are they not taught by Sounds ? And what are those Sounds, but Tokens and Signs to the Ear, importing and signifying such and such a Thing ? If then, there can be Signs made to the Eye, agreed by the Party teaching

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ing the Child, that they signifie such and such a Thing, will not the Eye of the Child convey them to the Mind, as well as the Ear ? They are indeed different Marks to different Senses, but both the one and the other do equally signifie the same Things or Notions, according to the Will of the Teacher, and consequently, must have an equal Effect with the Person, who is to be instructed : For tho' the Manners signifying are different, the Things signified are the same.

For Example ; If, after having invented an Alphabet upon the Fingers, a Master always keeps Company with a Deaf Child, and teaches it to call for whatsoever it wants, by such Motions of the Fingers, which if put down by Letters, according to each invented Motion of each Finger, would form in writing a Word of a Thing, which it wanted ; might not he by these regular Motions teach it's Eye the same Notions of Things, as Sounds do to the Ears of Children that Hear : The Manner of Teaching the Alphabet by Fingers, is plainly set down in the following Table.

When the Deaf Child has Learn't by these Motions a good Stock of Words, as Children that hear first learn by Sounds, we may methinks call not improperly, the Fingers of such a Dumb Infant, its *Mouth*, and the Eye of such a Deaf Child, its *Ear*. When he has learnt thus far, he must be taught to

Write the Alphabet, according as it was Adapted to the Motions of his Fingers: As for Instance, the five Vowels, *a, e, i, o, u*, by pointing to the top of the five Fingers, and the other Letters, *b, c, d, &c.* by such other Place or Posture of a Finger, as in the above-mentioned Table is set forth, or otherwise, as shall be agreed upon. When this is done the Marks *B, R, E, A, D*, (and so of all other Words) Corresponding with such Fingers, conveys thro' his Eyes, unto his Head the same Notion, *viz.* the Thing signified, as the Sound we give to those same Letters, making the Word *Bread*, do into our Heads thro' the Ears.

This once done, he may be easily taught to understand the Parts of Speech, as the *Verb*, the *Noun*, *Pronoun*, &c. and so by Rules of *Grammar* and *Syntax*, to compound Ideas, and connect his Words into a Language. The Method of which, since it is plainly set forth in Doctor *Wallis's* Letter to Mr. *Beverly*. I shall set it down by way of Extract; that People in the same Circumstances with the Person we treat of, and of the like Genius, may not have their Talents lost, for want of the like Assistance.

When once a Deaf Person has learn't so far, as to understand the common Discourse of others, and to express his Mind (tolerably well in Writing) I see no room to doubt, but that (provided Nature has endowed him with



a proper Strength of Genius, as other Men that hear) he may become capable (upon further Improvement) of such further Knowledge as is attainable by Reading. For I must here join with the Learned Doctor *Wallis*, in asserting (as to the present case before us) that no Reason can be assigned, why such a Deaf Person may not attain the understanding of a Language as *perfectly* as those that hear; and with the same Learned Author, I take upon me to lay down this Proposition, as certain, that allowing the Deaf Person the like Time and Exercise, as to other Men is requisite in order to attain the Perfection of a Language, and the Elegance of it, he may understand as well, and Write as good Language as other Men, and abating only what doth depend upon Sound, as Tones, Cadencies, and such Punctilio's; no whit inferior to what he may attain to, if he had his hearing as others have?

*An Extract from Dr. Wallis, concerning the Method of Teaching the Deaf and Dumb to Read.*

**I**T is most Natural (as Children learn the Names of Things) to furnish him (by Degrees) with a *Nomenclator*, containing a Competent Number of Names of Things common and obvious to the Eye (that you may shew the Thing answering to such a Name)

Name) and these digested under convenient Titles; and placed under them, in such convenient order (in several Columns, or other orderly Situation in the Paper) as (by their Position) best to express to the Eye, their Relation or Respect to one another. As *Contraries* or *Correlatives*, one against the other *Subordinates* or *Appurtenances* under their Principle, which may serve as a kind of *Local Memory*.

Thus (in one Paper) under the Title *Mankind* may be placed (not confusedly, but in decent order) Man, Woman, Child (Boy, Girl.)

In another Paper, under the Title *Body*, may be Written (in like convenient Order) Head (Hair, Skin, Ear) Face, Forehead, Eye (Eyelid, Eyebrow) Cheek, Nose (Nostril) Mouth (Lip, Chin) Neck, Throat, Back, Breast, Side (right-side, left-side) Belly, Shoulders, Arm (Elbow, Wrist, Hand) Back, Palm) Finger (Thumb, Knuckle, Nail) Thigh, Knee, Leg (Shin, Calf, Ankle) Foot (Heel, Sole) Toe.

And when he hath Learned the Import of Words, in each Paper, let him write them in like Manner, in distinct Leaves, or Pages of a Book (prepared for that purpose) to confirm his Memory, and to have recourse to it upon occasion.

In a Third Paper, you may give him the *Inward Parts*. As Skull (Brain) Throat (Wind-

(Windpipe, Gullet) Stomach, Guts, Heart, Lungs, Liver, Splene, Kidney, Bladder (Urine) Vein (Blood) Bone (Marrow) Flesh, Fat, &c.

In another Paper, under the Title *Beast*, may be placed Horse (Stone-horse, Gelding, Mare (Colt) Bull (Ox) Cow, Calf. Sheep, Ram (Wether) Ewe (Lamb) Hog, Boar, Sow, Pig, Dog (Mastiff, Hound, Greyhound, Spaniel) Bitch (Whelp, Puppy) Hare, Rabbit, Cat, Mouse, Rat, &c.

Under the Title *Bird* or *Fowl*, put Cock Capon, Hen, Chick, Goose (Gander) Gosling, Duck (Drake) Swan, Crow, Kite, Lark, &c.

Under the Title *Fish*, put Pike, Eel, Plaice, Salmon, Lobster, Crab, Oyfter, Craw-fish, &c.

You may then put *Plants* or *Vegetables*, under several Heads or Subdivisions of the same Head. As Tree (Root, Body, Bark, Bough, Leaf, Fruit) Oak, Ash, Apple-tree, Pear-tree, Vine, &c. Fruit. Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry, Grape, Nut, Orange, Lemon. Flower, Rose, Tulip, Gilofer, Herb (Weed) Grass, Corn, Wheat, Barly, Rye, Pea, Bean.

And the like of *Inanimates*; as Heaven, Sun, Moon, Star, Element, Earth, Water, Air, Fire; and under the Title, Earth, Clay, Sand, Gravel, Stone. Metal, Gold, Silver, Brass, Copper, Iron (Steel) Lead, Tin (Pewter) Glass. Under the Title *Water*, put Sea, Pond,



Pond, River, Stream. Under that of *Air*, put Light, Dark, Mist, Fog, Cloud, Wind, Rain, Hail, Snow, Thunder, Lightning, Rainbow. Under that of *Fire* ; Coal, Flame, Smoak, Soot, Ashes.

Under the Title *Clothes*, put Woollen (Cloth, Stuff) Linnen (Holland, Lawn, Lockarum) Silk (Satin, Velvet) Hat, Cap, Band, Doublet, Breeches, Coat, Cloak, Stocking, Shoe, Boot, Shirt, Petticoat, Gown, &c.

Under the Title *House*, put Wall, Roof, Door, Window, Casement, Room.

Under *Room*, put Shop, Hall, Parlour, Dining-Room, Chamber, Study, Closet, Kitchen, Cellar, Stable, &c.

And under each of these, as distinct Heads, the Furniture or Mensils belonging thereunto ; with Divisions and Subdivisions, as there is occasion, which I forbear to Mention, that I be not too Prolix.

And in like manner, from Time to Time, may be added more Collections, or Clauses of Names or Words, conveniently digested, under distinct Heads, and suitable Distributions ; to be written in distinct Leaves or Pages of his Book, in such Order, as may seem convenient.

When he is furnished with a Competent Number of Names, though not so many as I have mentioned : It will be seasonable to teach him, under the Titles Singular and  
Plural.



Plural. The Formation of Plurals from Singulars; by adding S or Es. As Hand Hands, Face Faces, Fish Fishes, &c. with some few irregulars, as Man Men, Woman Women, Foot Feet, Tooth Teeth, Mouse Mice, Lowse Lice, Ox Oxen, &c.

Which, except the irregulars, will serve for Possessives, to be after taught him, which are formed by their Primitives by like Addition of S or Es, except some few irregulars, as My Mine, Thy Thine, Our Ours, Your Yours, His, Her, Hers, Their Theirs, &c.

And in all those, and other like Cases, it will be proper first, to shew him the Particulars, and then the General Title.

Then teach him in another Page or Paper, the Particulars, a, an, the, this, that, these, those.

And the Pronouns, I, me, my, mine, thou, thee, thy, thine, we, us, ourours, ye, you, your, yours, he, him, his, she, her, hers, it, it's, they, them, their, theirs, who, whom, who's.

Then under the Titles *Substantive Adjective*, teach him to Connect these, as my Hand, your Head, his Foot, his Feet, her Arm, Arms, our Hats, their Shoes, *John's* Coat, *William's* Band, &c.

And in Order to furnish him with more Adjectives, under the Title *Colours*, you may place, black, white, gray, green, blue, yellow, red, &c. and having shewed the particulars, let him know that these are called

called Colours. The like for taste and smell, as sweet, bitter, soure, stink.

And for Hearing : sound, noise, word.

Then for touch or feeling : hot, warm, cold, cool, wet, moist, dry, hard, soft, tough, brittle, heavy, light, &c.

From whence you may furnish him with more Examples of Adjectives with Substantives ; as, white Bread, brown Bread, green Grass, soft Cheese, hard Cheese, black Hat, my black Hat, &c.

And then inverting the Order, Substantive, Adjective, with the Verb Copulative between. As, Silver is white, Gold is yellow, Lead is heavy, Wood is light, Snow is white, Ink is black, Flesh is soft, Bone is hard, I am sick, I am not well, &c. which will begin to give him some Notion of *Syntax*.

In like Manner, when Substantive and Substantive are so connected ; as Gold is a Metal, a Rose is a Flower, they are Men, they are Women, Horses are Beasts, Geese are Fowls, Larks are Birds, &c.

Then as those before relate to Quality, you may give him some other Words relating to Quantity. As long, short, broad, narrow ; thick, thin ; high, tall, low ; deep, shallow, great, big, small (little) much, little ; many, few, full, empty ; whole, part, piece ; all, some, none, strong, weak, quick, slow, equal, unequal, bigger, less.

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Then words of figure : As streight, crooked, plain, bowed, concave, hollow, convex ; round, square, three-square, sphere, globe, bowl, cube, die, upright, sloping, leaning forward, leaning backward, like, unlike.

Of Gesture ; as stand, lie, sit, kneel, sleep.

Of Motion ; as move, stir, rest, walk, go, come, run, leap, ride, fall, rise, swim, sink, drawn, slide, creep, crawl, fly, pull, draw, thrust, throw, bring, fetch, carry.

Then Words relating to Time ; place, number, weight, measure, money, &c. are in convenient time, to be shewed him distinctly ; for which the teacher according to his Discretion , may take a convenient Season.

As likewise the Time of the Day ; the Days of the Week, the Days of the Month, the Months of the Year ; and other Things relating to the *Almanack*, which he will quickly be capable to understand, if once Methodically shewn him.

As likewise the Names, and Situation of Places, and Countries, which are convenient for him to know ; which may be orderly written in his Book, and shewed him in the Map of *London, England, Europe, the World, &c.*

But these may be done at leisure, as likewise the practice of Arithmetick, and other like Pieces of Learning.

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In the mean time, after the Concord of Substantive and Adjective, he is to be shewed by convenient Examples, that of the *Nominative* and *Verb*. As for Instance: I go, you see, he sits, they stand, the fire burns, the sun shines, the wind blows, the rain falls, the water runs; and the like, with the Titles in the top Nominative Verb.

After this, (under the Titles Nominative Verb, Accusative) give him Examples of Verbs Transitive; as I see you, you see me, the fire burns the wood; the Boy makes the fire, the Cook roasts the meat, the Butler lays the cloath, we eat our dinner.

Or even with a double Accusative; as you teach me writing or to write, *John* teacheth me to Dance, *Thomas* tells me a Tale, &c.

After this, you may teach him the Flexion or Conjugation of the Verb, or what is Equivalent thereunto; for in our *English* Tongue, each Verb hath but two Tenses, the Present and the Preter, two Participles, the Active and the Passive, all the rest is performed by Auxiliaries, which Auxiliaries have no more Tenses than the other Verbs.

Those Auxiliaries are, do, did, will, would, shall, should, may, might, can, could, must, ought, to, have, had, am, be, was. And if by Examples you can insinuate the Signification of these few Words, you have taught him the whole Flexion of the Verb.

And



And here it will be convenient, once for all, to write him out a full Paradigm of some one Verb, suppose *to see*, through all those Auxiliaries.

The Verb itself, hath but these four Words to be Learned, see, saw, seeing, seen, save that after thou, in the second Person Singular, in both Tenses, we add *est*, and in the Third Person Singular, in the Present Tense *eth* or *es*, or instead thereof, *st*, *th*, *s*, and so in all Verbs.

Then to the Auxiliaries, do did, will would, shall should, may might, can could, must ought to, we join the Indefinite see. And after have, had, am, be, was, the Passive Particle seen, and so for all other Verbs.

But the Auxiliary *Am* or *Be*, is somewhat irregular in a double Form.

Am art is: Plural are, was wast was, Plural were.

Be beest be: Plural be, were wert were, Plural were.

Be, am, was, being, been.

Which, attended with the other Auxiliaries, make us the whole Passive Voice.

All Verbs, without Exceptions, in the Active Participle are formed by adding *ing*, as see seeing, teach teaching, &c.

The Preter Tense, and the Participle are formed regularly, by adding *ed*, but are oft subject to Contractions, and other irregularities, sometime the same in both, sometime  
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different, and therefore it is convenient here to give a Table of Verbs, especially, the most usual, for those *three* Cases, which may at once teach their Signification and Formation; as boil boiled, rost rosted rosted, bake baked baked, &c. teach taught taught, bring brought brought, buy bought bought, &c. see saw seen, give gave given, take took taken, forsake forsooke forsaken, write wrote written, &c. with many more fit to be Learned.

The Verbs being thus dispatched, he is then to learn the Prepositions; wherein lies the whole Regimen of the Noun. For Diversity of Cases we have none, the force of which is to be insinuated by convenient Examples, suited to their different Significations. As for Instance, *Of*, a piece *of* Bread, a pint *of* Wine, the colour *of* a Pot, the colour *of* Gold, a ring *of* Gold, a cup *of* Silver, the Mayor *of* *London*, the longest *of* all, &c.

And in like Manner, for off on upon to unto, till until, from at in within, out without, into out of, about over under, above below, between among, before behind after, for, by, with, through, against, concerning, and by this time he will be pretty well enabled to understand a single Sentence.

In the last Place; he is in like Manner to be taught Conjunctions, which serve to Connect not Words only, but Sentences, as and also, likewise, either or whether, neither  
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nor, if then, why, wherefore, because, therefore, but, though, yet, &c. and these Illustrated by convenient Examples in each case as, *Because* I am cold, *therefore* I go to the fire, *that* I may be warm, *for* it is cold weather.

*If* it were fair, *then* it would be good walking, but however, *though* it rain, *yet* I must go, *because* I promised with other like Instances.

And by this time his Book, if well furnished with plenty of Words, and those well digested under several Heads, and in good Order, and well recruited from time to time as new Words occur, will serve him in the Nature of a *Dictionary* and *Grammar*.

And in case the Deaf Person be otherwise of a good Natural Capacity, and the Teacher of a good Sagacity ; by this Method, proceeding gradually step by step, you may, with diligence and due Application of Teacher and Learner in a Years Time, or thereabouts, perceive a greater Progress than you would expect, and a good Foundation laid for further Instruction in matters of Religion, and other Knowledge which may be taught by Books.

It will be convenient all along to have Pen, Ink, and Paper, ready at hand, to write down in a Word, what you signifie to him, by Signs, and cause him to write, or shew how to write, what he signifies by Signs ; which

way of signifying their mind by Signs, Deaf Persons are often very good at. And we must endeavour to learn their Language, if I may so call it, in order to teach them ours; by shewing what Words answer to their Signs.

It will be convenient also, as you go along, after some convenient Progress made, to express, in as plain Language as may be, the Import of some of the Tables; as for Instance,

The Head is the highest part of the Body, the Feet the lowest part, the Face is the fore-part of the Head, the Forehead is over the Eyes, the Cheeks are under the Eyes, the Nose is between the Cheeks, the Mouth is under the Nose, and above the Chin, &c.

And such plain Discourse put into writing, and particularly explained, will teach him by degrees to understand plain Sentences; and like Advantages, a Sagacious Teacher may take, as occasion offers itself from Time to Time.

This Extract is mostly taken out of the Ingenious Dr. *Wallis*, and lying hid in that little Book, which is but rarely Inquired after and too scarcely known; dyed in a Manner with that Great Man. And as he designed it for the General use of Mankind, that Laboured under the Misfortune of losing those two valuable Talents of Hearing and  
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Speaking, I thought it might not be amiss (in the Life of so particular a Dumb Person as I am Writing) to give them this small but particular Fragment of *Grammar* and *Syntax*.

It is Exactly adjusted to the *English* Tongue; Because such are the Persons, with whom the Dr. had to deal, and such the Persons whose Benefit alone I consult in this Treatise.

One of the chief Persons, who was taught by Dr. Wallis, was Mr. *Alexander Popham*, Brother-in-Law (if I am not mistaken) to the present Earl of *Oxford*; and he was a very great Proficient in this way; and tho' he was born Deaf and Dumb, understood the Language so well, as to give under his Hand many rare Indications of a Masterly Genius.

The Uncle of his present *Sardinian* Majesty, as I have been credibly informed, had the want of the same Organs, and yet was a perfect Statesman, and wrote in five or six different Languages Elegantly well.

Bishop *Burnet* in his Book of Travels tells us a Story almost incredible; but tells it as a passage, that deserves our belief. It is concerning a young Lady at *Genoa*, who was not only Deaf and Dumb, but Blind too (it seems) into the Bargain; and this Lady, He assures us as a truth, could, by putting her Hand on her Sisters Mouth, know every thing she said.

But to Return back to *England*, we have many rare Instances of our own Countrymen, the Principal of whom I shall mention, as their Names occur to my Memory. Sir *John Garwy*, Sir *Thomas Knotcliff*, Sir ——— *Gostwick*, Sir *Henry Lydall*, and Mr. *Richard Lyns* of *Oxford*, were all of this Number, and yet Men Eminent in their several Capacities, for understanding many Authors, and Expressing themselves in Writing with wonderful Facility.

In *Hatton-Garden*, there now Lives a Miracle of Wit and good Nature, I mean the Daughter of Mr. *Loggin*, who, tho' born Deaf and Dumb, (and she has a Brother who has the same Impediments) yet writes her Mind down upon any Subject with such Acuteness, as would Amaze Learned Men themselves, and put many Students, that have passed for Wits, to a Blush, to see themselves so far surpassed by a Woman amidst that deficiency of the common Organs. If any body speaks a word distinctly, this Lady will, by observing narrowly the Motion of the speakers Lips, pronounce the Word afterwards very Intelligibly.

As there are a great many Families in *England* and *Ireland*, that have several, and some even have five or six Dumb Persons belonging to them. And as a great many more believe it impossible for Persons born Deaf and Dumb to Write and Read, and have

have thence taken Occasion to say and assert that Mr. *Campbell* could certainly speak, I could never think it a Digression in the History of this Man's Life to set down the *Grammar* by which he himself was taught, and which he has taught others, (Two of which Scholars of his are boys in this Town) partly to confute the Slander made against him, and partly for the help of others Dumb and Deaf, whose Parents may by these Examples be Encouraged to get them taught.

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## CHAP. IV.

*Young Duncan Campbell returns with his Mother to Edinburg. The Earl of Argyle's overthrow. The Ruin of Mr. Archibald Campbell, and his Death: Young Duncan's practice in Prediction at Edinburg, while yet a Boy.*

**O**UR Young Boy now between six and seven Years of Age, half a *Highlander* and half a *Laplander*, delighted in wearing a little Bonnet and Plaid, thinking it looked very Manly in his Countrymen, and his Father, as soon as he was out of his Hanging Sleeves and left off his Boys Vest, indulged him with that kind of Dress, which is truly Antique and Heroick. In this early part of his Nonage he was brought to *Edinburgh* by his Mother in Law, where I my self grew afresh acquainted with her, his Father being then but lately Dead. Just after the Civil Commotion,

tion, and off and on have known him ever since, and Converſed with him very frequently during that ſpace of time which now is about three or four and thirty Years, ſo that whatever I ſay concerning him in the future Pages, I ſhall relate to the Reader from my own certain Knowledge, which, as I reſolve to continue Anonymous, may perhaps not have ſo much Weight and Authority as if I had prefix'd my Name to the Account. Be that as it will, there are hundreds of living Witneſſes, that will juſtify each Action I relate, and his own future Actions while he lives will procure belief and credit to the precedent ones which I am going to record; ſo that if many do remain Infidels to my Relations and will not allow them Exact (the fate of many as credible and more Important Hiſtorians than my ſelf) I can however venture to flatter my ſelf that greater will be the Number of thoſe, who will have a Faith in my Writings, than of thoſe, who will reject my Accounts as Incredible.

Having juſt ſpoke of the Deceafe of Mr. *Archibald Campbell*, the Father of our Young *Duncan Campbell*: It will not be amiſs here to obſerve how true the Predictions of his *Lapland* Mother were, which aroſe from Second Sight, according to the Notices given by the Child's Father to its Grandfather in his Letter from *Lapland*, even before it was born; which ſhews that the Infant held this Se-  
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cond Sighted Power or Occult faculty of Divination even by Inheritance.

In the Year 1685. the Duke of *Monmouth* and the Earl of *Argyle* sailed out of the Ports of *Holland* without any Obstruction, the Earl of *Argyle* in May with three Ships for *Scotland*, and *Monmouth* in June with the same Number for *England*.

The Earl setting out first, was also the first at Landing. *Argyll* having attempted to Land in the North of *Scotland*, and being disappointed by the Vigilance of the Bishop of the *Orcades*, Landed in the West, and Incamped at *Dunstaffne* Castle in the Province of *Lorn*, which had belonged to him. He omitted nothing that might draw over to him all the Malecontents in the Kingdom, whom he thought more Numerous than they afterwards appeared to be. He dispersed about his Declarations, wherein, after protesting, that he had taken up Arms only in Defence of Religion and the Laws, against an unjust Usurper (so he Stiled King *James* the Second) he invited all good Protestants, and such *Scotch* as would assert the Liberty to join him against a Prince, he said, was got into the Throne, to ruin the Reformation, and to bring in Popery and Arbitrary Power. Next he sent Letters to those he thought his Friends, (among whom was Mr. *Archibald Campbell*, who according to the vast deference payed by the *Scots* to their Chief, joined him, tho,

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in his heart of a quite different Principle to call them to his Assistance : He Detached two of his Sons to make Inroades in the Neighbourhood, and compel some by Threats, others by mighty Promises to join him. All his Contrivances could not raise him above three Thousand Men, with whom he Incamped in the Isle of *Boot*, where he was soon in a manner Besieged by the Earl of *Dunbarton*, with the King's Forces, and several other Bodies Commanded by the Duke of *Gordon*, the Marquis of *Athol*, the Earl of *Arran*, and other Great Men, who came from all Parts to quench the Fire before it grew to a Head.

The Earl of *Argyle* being obliged to quit a Post he could not make good, went over into a Part of the Country of his own Name, where having hastily Fortified a Castle called *Ellingrey*, he put into it the Arms and Ammunition taken out of his Ships, which lay at Anchor under the Cannon of a Fort ; he Erected near that Place. There his Rout began ; for going out from the Castle with his Forces to make an Incurfion, one of his Parties was Defeated by the Marquis of *Athol*, who flew four hundred of his Men ; and Captain *Hamilton* who Attacked his Ships with some of the King's, and took them without any resistance.

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The Earl of *Dunbarton* advancing towards him, at the same time, by long Marches, while he Endeavoured to secure himself by Rivers, surprized him passing the *Clyde* in the Village of *Killern*, as he was Marching towards *Lenox*. *Dunbarton* coming upon them at Night, would have staid till the next Day to Attack the Rebels, but they gave him not so much time, for they passed the River in the Night, in such Confusion, that being overcome with fear ; they dispersed as soon as over. *Argyle* could scarce rally so many as would make him a small Guard, which was soon scattered again ; *Dunbarton* having passed the River, and divided his Forces to pursue those that fled. *Argyle* had taken Guides to Conduct him to *Galloway* ; but they mistaking the way, and leading him into a Bog, most of those, that still followed him, quitted their Horses, every Man shifting for himself.

*Argyle* himself was making back alone towards the *Clyde*, when two Resolute Servants, belonging to an Officer in the King's Army meeting him, tho' they knew him not, bid him Surrender. He fir'd at, and missed them ; but they took better Aim, and wounded him with a Pistol Ball. Then the Earl drawing his two Pistols out of the Holsters, quitted his Horse, that was quite tired, and took the River. A Country Fellow, who came with those two, that had first assaulted him, pursued



sued him with a Pistol in his Hand ; the Earl would have fired one of his, but the flint failing he was dangerously wounded in the Head, by the Peasant. He discovered himself, as he fell Senseless, crying out, *Unfortunate Argyle*. This Nobleman how far soever he may be thought missed in Principle, was certainly in his Person a very Brave and a very Gallant Hero. They made hast to draw him out and bring him to himself ; after which being delivered up to the Officers, the Erring unfortunate Great Man was Conducted to *Edinburgh* and there Beheaded.

Many Gentlemen that followed the Fortunes of this Great Man, tho' not in his Death they shared in all the other Calamities attending his overthrow. They most of them fled into the remotest Isles and the obscurest corners of all *Scotland* : Contented with the saving of their Lives ; they grew Exiles and Banished Men of their own making, and Abdicated their Estates before they were known to be Forfeited, because, for fear of being informed against by the Common Fellows they Commanded, they durst not appear to lay their Claims. Of this Number was Mr. *Archibald Campbell*, and this new Disaster wounded him deep into the very Heart, after so many late misadventures, and sent him untimely to the Grave. He perfectly pined away and wasted ; he was six Months dying Inch by Inch, and the Difference between his Last Breath and his way  
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of Breathing during all that time, was only, that he Expired with a greater Sigh than he ordinarily fetched every time when he drew his Breath.

Every thing the *Lapland* Lady had Predicted so long before, being thus come to pass, we may the less admire at the wonders performed by her Son, when we consider this faculty of Divination to be so derived to him from her, and Grown as it were Hereditary.

Our Young Prophet, who had taught most of his little Companions to converse with him by Finger, was the Head at every little Pastime and Game they Played at. Marbles (which he used to call Children's playing at Bowls) yielded him mighty Diversion; and he was so dexterous an Artist at shooting that little Alabaster Globe from between the end of his fore-finger and the knuckle of his Thumb, that he seldom missed hitting *Plum* (as the Boys call it) the Marble he aimed at, tho' at the distance of two or three yards. The Boys always when they played coveted to have him on their side, and by hearing that he foretold other things, used to consult him, when they made their little Matches (which were things of great Importance in their Thoughts) who should get the Victory. He used commonly to leave these trifles undecided, but if ever he gave his Opinion in these trivial Affairs, the Persons fared well by their

their Consultation, for his Judgment about them was like a petty Oracle, and the end always Answered his Prediction. But I would have my Reader imagin (that tho' our *Duncan Campbell* was himself but a Boy) He was not consulted only by Boys ; his Penetration and Insight into things of a high Nature, got Air, and being attested by credible Witnesses won him the Esteem of Persons of Mature Years and Discretion.

If a Beautiful young Virgin languished for a Husband ; or a Widow's Mind was in Labour to have a second venture of Infants by another Spouse : If a Housekeeper had lost any thing belonging to her Master, still little *Duncan Campbell* was at Hand ; he was the Oracle to be applied to, and the little Chalk'd Circle, where he was diverting himself with his play-fellows near the Cross at *Edinburgh*, was frequented with as much solicitation and as much credit, as the *Tripes* of *Apollo* was at *Delphos* in Ancient times.

It was highly Entertaining to see a Young Blooming Beauty come and slyly pick up the Boy from his Company, carry him home with as much eagerness as she would her Gallant, because she knew she should get the Name of her Gallant out of him before he went, and bribe him with a Sugar Plumb to write down the Name of a Young *Scotch* Peer in a green Ribbon that her Mouth watered after.

How often after he has been wallowing in the dust have I my self seen nice squeamish Widows help him up in their gilded Chariots and give him a Pleasant ride with them, that he might tell them they should not long lie a lone ; little *Duncan Campbell* had as much business upon his Hands as the Parsons of all the Parishes in *Edinburgh*. He commonly was consulted and named the Couples before the Minister joined them ; thus he grew a rare Customer to the Toyshop, from whence he most an end received Fees and Rewards for his Advices. If Lady *Betty* such a one was foretold that she should certainly have Beau such a one in Marriage ; then little *Duncan* was sure to have a Hobby-Horse from the Toyshop as a Reward for the promised Fop. If such a Widow that was ugly but very Rich, was to be pushed hard for as she pretended (tho' in reality easily won) little *Duncan* upon ensuring her such a Captain or such a Lieutenant Colonel, was sure to be presented from the same Child's Warehouse with a very handsome Drum, and a Silver'd Trumpet.

If a Seamstress had an Itching desire for a Parson, she would upon the first Assurance of him, give this little *Apollo* a Past-board Temple or Church finely painted and a Ring of Bells into the Bargain, from the same Toy-Office.

If a Housekeeper lost any Plate, the Thief was certain to be caught, provided she took little Master into the Store-Room, and asked him the Question, after she had given him his Belly full of Sweet-Meats,

Neither were the Women only his consultants; the Grave Merchants, who were Anxious for many ventures at Sea, applied to the Boy for his Opinion of their security, and they looked upon his Opinion to be as safe as the Insurance Office for Ships. If he but told them, tho' the Ship was just set Sail and a Tempest rose just after on the Ocean, that it would have a successful Voyage, gain the Port designed, and return home safe Laden with the Exchange of Traffick and Merchandize; they dismissed all their Fears, banish'd all their Cares, set their Hearts at ease, and safe in his Opinion, enjoyed a Calm of Mind amidst a Storm of Weather.

I my self knew one Count Cog an Eminent Gamester, who was a Person so far from being of a Credulous Disposition that he was an unbeliever in several Points of Religion, and the next Door to an Infidel. Yet as much as he was a Stranger to Faith, he was Mastered and overpowered so far, in his incredulity, by the Strange Events, which he had seen come frequently to pass from the Predictions of this Child, that he had commonly daily access to this Boy to learn his more adverse and more prosperous Hours of Gaming. At  
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first indeed he would try, when the Child foretold him his ill Fortune, whether it would prove true, and relying upon the mere hazard and turn of the Dye, he had always (as he observed) a run of ill Luck on those forbidden Days, as he never fail'd of good if he chose the fortunate Hours directed by the Boy. One time above all the rest, just before he was departing from *Edinburgh*, and when the Season of Gaming was almost over, most Persons of Wealth and Distinction withdrawing for Pleasure to their Seats in the Country, he came to young *Duncan Campbell* to consult; and was extremely solicitous to know, how happily or unluckily he should end that *Term* (as we may call it) of the Gamblers *weighty Business*, viz: *Play*, there being a long *Vacation* likely to ensue, when the gaming Table would be empty, and the Box and Dice lie idle and cease to rattle. The Boy encourag'd him so well with his Predictions on this occasion, that Count *Cog* went to the Toy-shop, brought him from thence a very fine *Ivory T Totum* (as Children call it) a pretty Set of painted and gilded little Nine-pins and a Bowl, and a large Bag of Marbles and Alloys: And what do you think the Gamester got by this little Present and the Prediction of the Boy? Why without telling the least tittle of Falshood, within the space of the last Week's Play, the Gains of Count *Cog*, really amounted to no less than

Twenty Thousand Pounds Sterling neat Money.

Having mention'd these Persons of so many different Professions by borrow'd Names, and perhaps in a manner seemingly Ludicrous ; I would not have my Reader from hence take occasion of looking upon my account as fabulous : If I was not to make use of borrow'd Names, but to tell the real Characters and Names of the Persons, I should do injury to those old Friends of his, who first gave Credit to our young Seer, while I am endeavouring to gain him the Credit and Esteem of new ones, in whose way it has not yet happen'd to consult him. For many Persons are very willing to ask such Questions as the foregoing ones ; but few or none willing to have the Publick told they ask'd them ; tho' they succeeded in their Wish and were amply satisfy'd in their Curiosity. I have represented them perhaps in a ludicrous manner, because tho' they are misterious Actions they are still the Actions of a *Boy*, and as the Rewards he receiv'd for his Advices did really and truly consist of such Toys as I mentioned, so could they not be treated of in a more serious manner, without the Author's incurring a magisterial Air of Pedantry, and shewing a Mind, as it were, of being mighty Grave and Sententious about Trifles. There are however some things of greater Weight and Importance done by him in a more advanc'd Stage of Life, which

which will be deliver'd to the Publick with that Exactitude and Gravity which becomes them; and in some of those Relations, the Names of some Persons, that are concerned, shall be printed, because it will not at all be injurious to them, or because I have their leave, and they are still living to testify what I shall relate.

In the mean time as the greatest part of his *Non-age* was spent in predicting almost innumerable things, which are all however reducible to the *general Heads* above-mention'd; I will not tire the Reader with any particulars; but instead of doing that, before I come to shew his Power of Divination, in the more active Parts of his Life, and when after removing from *Edinburgh* to *London* he at last made it his publick Profession: I shall account how such Divinations may be made, and divert the Reader with many rare Examples (taken from several faithful and undoubted Historians) of Persons, who have done the like before him, some in *one way*, and some in *another*; tho' in this he seems to be peculiar, and to be (if I may be allow'd the Expression) a *Species by himself* alone in the *Talent of Prediction*; that he has collected within his own *individual Capacity* all the Methods, which others *severally* us'd, and with which they were *differently* and *singly* gifted in their several ways of fore-seeing and fore-telling.

This Art of Prediction is not attainable any otherwise, than by these Three Ways; first it is done by the Company of Familiar Spirits and Genii, which are of Two Sorts; some Good and some Bad; who tell the gifted Person the things of which he informs other People. *2dly*, It is perform'd by the Second Sight, which is very various, and differs in most of the Possessors, it being but a very little in some, very extensive and constant in others; beginning with some in their Infancy, and leaving them before they come to Years; happening to others in a middle Age, to others again in an old Age that never had it before and lasting only for a term of Years, and now and then for a very short period of Time; and in some intermitting, like fits as it were of Vision, that leave them for a time, and then return to be as strong in them as ever, and it being in a manner Hereditary to some Families, whose Children have it from their Infancy without intermission to a great old Age, and even to the time of their Death, which they often foretell before it comes to pass to a Day, nay even to an Hour. *3dly*, It is attain'd by the diligent Study of the lawful Part of the Art of Magick.

Before I give the Reader an account (as I shall do in Three distinct Discourses) *1st*, concerning the Intercourse which Familiar Spirits, *viz.* the good and bad *Genii* have had  
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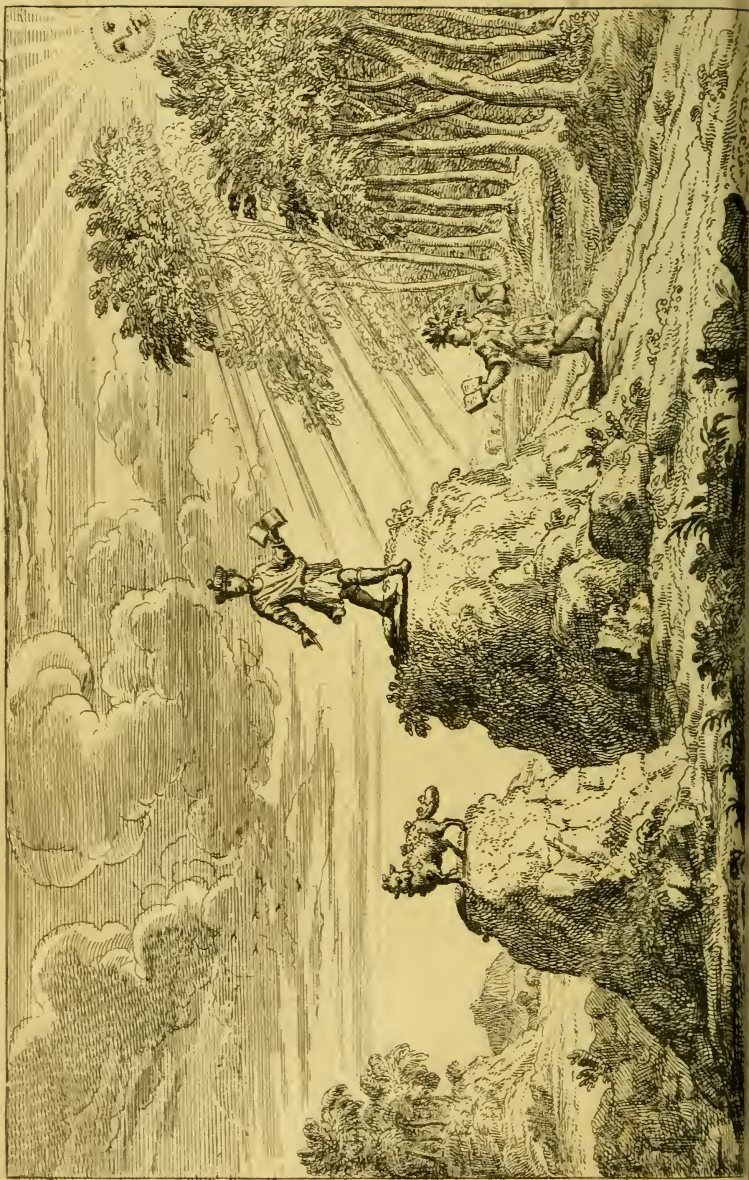


and continue to have to a great degree with some select Parts of Mankind, *2dly*, concerning the wonderful and almost miraculous Power of a Second Sight, with which many beyond all controversy have been extraordinarily but visibly gifted; and *3dly*, concerning the pitch of Perfection, to which the magick Science has been carry'd and promoted by some adepts in that misterious Art; I will premise a few particulars about the *Genii*, which attended our little *Duncan Campbell*, and about the Second Sight, which he had when yet a Child, and when we may much more easily believe, that the Wonders, he perform'd and wrote of, must have been rather brought about by the intervention of such *Genii* and the mediation of such a Sight; than that he could have invented such Fables concerning them, and compassed such Predictions as seem'd to want their assistance, by the mere dint of a Child's Capacity.

One Day, I remember, when he was about Nine Years of Age, going early to the House, where he and his Mother liv'd, and it being before his Mother was stirring, I went into little *Duncan Campbell's* Room to divert myself with him, I found him sitting up in his Bed with his Eyes broad open, but as motionless as if he had been asleep, or even (if it had not been for a lively beautiful Colour which the little pretty fair Silver Hair'd Boy always had in his Cheeks) as if he had

been quite dead ; he did not seem so much as to breath ; the Eylids of him were so fix'd and immovable, that the Eylasnes did not so much as once shake, which the least Motion imaginable must agitate ; not to say that he was like a Person in an *Exstasy*, he was at least in what (we commonly call) a *Brown Study* to the highest degree, and for the largest space of time I ever knew. I, who had been frequently inform'd by People, who have been present at the Operations of Second Sighted Persons, that, at the Sight of a Vision, the Eylids of the Person are erected, and the Eyes continue staring till the Object vanishes, I (I say) fate myself softly down on his Bed-side, and with a quiet Amazement observ'd him, avoiding diligently any Motion, that might give him the least disturbance, or cause in him any avocation or distraction of Mind from the Business he was so intent upon. I remark'd that he held his Head *side-ways* with his Mouth wide open and in a *list'ning* Posture, and *that* after so lively a manner, as, at first general thought, made me forget his Deafness and plainly imagin he heard something, till the Second thought of Reflection brought into my Mind the Misfortune that shut up all Passage for any Sound through his Ears. After a stedfast Gaze, which lasted about Seven Minutes, he smiled, and stretch'd his Arms as one recovering from a Fit of Indolence, and rubb'd his Eyes ; then turning  
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towards me, he made the Sign of a Salute, and hinted to me, upon his Fingers, his desire for Pen, Ink and Paper, which I reach'd him from a little Desk, that stood at his Bed's-feet.

Placing the Paper upon his Knees he wrote me the following Lines, which together with my Answers I preserve by me, for their Rarity, to this very Day, and which I have transcribed Word for Word, as they form a little Series of Dialogue.

Duncan Campbell. *I am sorry I cant stay with you ; but I shall see my pretty Youth and my Lamb by, and by, in the Fields, near a little Coppice, or Grove, where I go often to play with them, and I would not lose their Company for the whole World ; for they and I are mighty familiar together, and the Boy tells me every thing, that gets me my Reputation among the Ladies and Nobility, and you must keep it Secret.*

*My Question.* I will be sure to keep it secret : But how do you know you are to meet them there to Day ? Did the little Boy appoint you ?

Duncan Campbell. *Yes he did, and signify'd, that he had several things to predict to me, concerning People, that, he fore-knew, would come to me, the Week following, to ask me Questions.*

*My Question.* But what was you staring at, when I came in ?

Duncan Campbell. *Why, at that little Boy,*  
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*that goes along with the Lamb I speak of, and 'twas then he made me the Appointment.*

*My Question.* How does he do it? Does he write?

*Duncan Campbell.* No, he writes sometimes, but oftner he speaks with his Fingers, and mighty swift; No Man can do it so quick, or write half so soon; he has a little Bell in his Hand, like that, which my Mother makes me a Sign to shake, when she wants the Servants; with That he tickles my Brain strangely, and gives me an incredible Delight of feeling in the inside of my Head; he usually wakes me with it in the Morning, when he comes to make me an Appointment. I fancy, 'tis what you call Hearing, which makes me mighty desirous I could hear in your way; 'tis sweeter to the feeling, methinks, than any thing is to the tast; It is just as if my Head was tickled to Death, as my Nurse used to tickle my Sides; but 'tis a different feeling, for it makes things like little Strings, tremble in my Temples, and behind my Ears. Now I remember, I will tell you what 'tis like, that makes me believe 'tis like your Hearing, and that strange thing, which you, that can speak, call Sound or Noise: Because, when I was at Church with my Mother, who told me the Bells could be heard ringing a Mile off: As I was kneeling on the Bench, and leaning over the top of the Pew and gnawing the Board, every time, the Man pull'd the Rope, I thought all my Head beat, as if it would come to Pieces, but yet it pleased me, methought;

*methought, rather than pain'd me, and I would be always gnawing the Board, when the Man pull'd the Rope, and I told my Mother the reason : The feeling of that was something like the little Bell, but only that made my Head throb as if it would break, and this tickles me and makes, as it were, little Strings on the back of my Ears dance and tremble like any thing, is not that like your way of Hearing?----If it be it is a sweet thing to hear.----It is more pleasant than to see the finest Colours in the World,----it is something like being tickled in the Nose with a Feather till one Sneezes, or like the feeling, after one strikes the Leg, when it has been numb or asleep, only with this difference, that those Two ways give a Pain and the other a Pleasure ; I remember too, when I had a great Cold for about Two Months, I had a feeling something like it, but that was blunt, dull, confus'd and troublesome. Is not this like what you call Hearing?*

*My Question.* It is the finest kind of hearing, my Dear, it is what we call Musick. But what sort of a Boy is that, that meets you ? And what sort of a Lamb ?

*Duncan Campbell.* Oh ! tho' they are like other Boys and other Lambs which you see, they are a Thousand Times prettier and finer ; you never saw such a Boy nor such a Lamb in your Life-time.

*My Question.* How big is he ? As big as you are ? And what sort of a Boy is he ?

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Duncan Campbell. *He is a little little pretty Boy, about as tall as my Knee, his Face is as white as Snow, and so are his little Hands; his Cheeks are as red as a Cherry, and so are his Lips; and, when he Breaths, it makes the Air more perfum'd than my Mother's sweet Baggs that she puts among the Linnen; he has got a Crown of Roses, Cowslips, and other Flowers upon his Head, such as the Maids gather in May; his Hair is like fine Silver Threads, and shine like the Beams of the Sun; he wears a loose Veil down to his Feet, that is as Blue as the Sky in a clear Day, and embroider'd with Spangles, that look like the brightest Stars in the Night; he carries a Silver Bell in one Hand, and a Book and Pencil in the other; and he and the little Lamb will dance and leap about me in a Ring as high as my Head; the Lamb has got a little Silver Collar with Nine little Bells upon it; and every little piece of Wooll upon its Back, that is as white Milk, is tied up all round it in Puffs like a little Misses Hair, with Ribbons of all Colours; and round its Head too are little Roses and Violets stuck very thick into the Wooll that grows upon its Forehead, and behind and between its Ears in the Shape of a Diadem. They first meet me dancing thus; and after they have danc'd sometime, the little Boy writes down wonderful things in his Book, which I write down in mine; then they dance again, till he rings his Bell, and then they are gone*

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*all of a sudden I know not where ; but I feel the tickling in the inside of my Head caus'd by the Bell less and less, 'til I don't feel it at all, and then I go home, read over my Lesson in my Book, and when I have it by heart, I burn the written Leaves, according as the little Boy bids me, or he would let me have no more. But I hear the little Bell again, the little Boy is angry with me, he pull'd me Twice by the Ear, and I would not displease him for any thing ; so I must get up and go immediately, to the Joy and Delight of my Life.*

I told him he might, if he would promise me to tell me further another time ; he said he would, if I would keep it secret. I told him I would, and so we parted ; tho' just before he went, he said he *smelt* some Venison, and he was sure they would shortly have some for Dinner ; and nothing was so sure as that, my Man had my Orders to bring a Side of Venison to me the next Day to Mrs. Campbell's, for I had been hunting, and came thither from the death of a Deer that Morning ; and intended as usual to make a stay there for Two or Three Days.

There are I know many Men of severe Principles, and who are more Strict, Grave and Formal, in their manner of thinking, than they are Wise ; who will be apt to judge of these relations, as things merely Fabulous and Chimerical, and, not contented with being dis-believers by themselves, will labour

bour to insinuate into others this pernicious Notion, that it is a sign of Infirmary and Weakness in the Head, to yield them Credit. But tho' I could easily argue these *Sir Gravities* down; tho' a Sentence or Two would do their Business, put them beyond the Power of replying, and strike them Dumb, yet do I think it not worth my while; their greatest and most wonted Objection against these *Eudemons* and *Kakodemons*, being, that it arises all from the work of fancy, in Persons of a melancholick Blood. If we consider the nature of this Child's Dialogue with me, will it not be more whimsically strange and miraculous, to say, that a Child of Nine Years old had only a fancy of such things as these, of which it had never heard any Body give an account, and that it could by the mere strength of Imagination predict such things as really after came to pass, than it is (when it does so strangely predict things) to believe the Child does it, in the *manner* itself owns it does, which is by the intervention of a good *Demon*, or a happy Genius. Departing therefore from these singular wise Mens Opinions, who will believe nothing Excellent can happen to others, which it has not been their Lot to enjoy a share of, I shall take my farewell hastily of them (without loosing my own time or theirs) in the Words of the ingenious and learned Monsieur *le Clerc*. *Acerbos homines non Moror, Indignos quippe, qui hac studia tractent*

*tractent, aut quorum Judicii ulla ratio habetur.*

I shall rather see how far these things have lain open to the Eyes of, and been explain'd by the ancient Sages ; I will relate who among them were happy in their *Genii*, and who among the Moderns, whose Examples may be Authorities for our Belief ; I will set down as clearly as I can, what Perception Men have had of *Genii* or Spirits, by the sense of seeing, what by the sense of hearing, what by the sense of feeling, touching or tasting, and in fine, what Perception others have had of these *Genii* by all the Senses, what by Dreams and what by Magick, a thing rarely to be met with at once in any single Man, and which seems particular to the Child, who was the Subject of our last little historical Account. When I have brought Examples and the Opinions of wise Philosophers, and the Evidence of undeniable Witnesses, which one would think sufficient to evince Persons of the Commerce Men have with Spirits, if they were not past all sense of Conviction : I shall, not so much to corroborate what I say, as to shame some Wiseacres, who would by their frail Reason scan all things, and pretend to solve the Mysteries ascribed to Spirits as Facts merely natural, and who would banish from the Thoughts of Men all belief of Spirits whatsoever, I shall I say (in order to put to shame these Wise-

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acres, if they have any Shame left) produce the Opinions of the Fathers as Divines, shew the Doctrines of Spirits in general to be consistent with Christianity, that they are deliver'd in the Scripture and by Christian Tradition, in which if they will not acquiesce, I shall leave them to the Labyrinth of their own wild Opinions, which in the end will so perplex their Judgments of things, that they will be never able to extricate themselves, and these different Heads will be the Subject of the Chapter ensuing, and will (or I am greatly mistaken) form both an instructive edifying and entertaining Discourse, for a Reader really and truly intelligent, and that has a good taste and relish for sublime things.

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## CHAP. V.

*An Argument proving the Perception, which Men have, and have had, by all the Senses, as seeing, hearing, &c. of Demons, Genii, or familiar Spirits.*

**I**T is said in the Ninth Book of the Morals of *Aristotle*, it is better to come at the probable Knowledge of some things above us in the Heavens, than to be capable of giving many Demonstrations relating to things here below, This is no doubt an admirable Proposition, and speaks the lofty aims  
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of that sublime Mind from whence it proceeded. Among all the disquisitions in this kind, none seem to me more excellent, than those, which treat concerning the *Genii*, that attend upon Men and guide them in the Actions of Life. A Genius or *Demon* of the good Kind is a sort of mediate Being, between Humane and Divine, which gives the Mind of Man a pleasant Conjunction with Angelick and Celestial Faculties, and brings down to Earth a faint participation of the Joys of Heaven. That there have been such fortunate Attendants upon wise Men, we have many rare Instances. They have been ascribed to *Socrates*, *Aristotle*, *Plotinus*, *Porphyrius*, *Jamblicus*, *Chicus*, *Scaliger* and *Cardan*. The most celebrated of all these Ancients was *Socrates*; and as for his having a Genius or *Demon*, we have the Testimonies of *Plato*, *Xenophon* and *Antisthenes*, his Contemporaries, confirm'd by *Laertius*, *Plutarch*, *Maximus Tyrius*, *Dion Chrysostomus*, *Cicero*, *Apuleius*, *Ficinus* and others, many of the Moderns besides *Tertullian*, *Origen*, *Clemens Alexandrinus*, *Austin* and others; and *Socrates* himself in *Plato's Theage*, says: By some Divine Lot I have a certain *Demon*, which has followed me from my Childhood as an Oracle; and in the same place intimates that the way he gain'd his Instruction was by hearing the *Demon's* Voice. Nothing is certainly so easy as for Men to be able to contradict things tho' never

ver so well attested with such an air of Truth, as to make the Truth of the History doubted by others as well as themselves, where no demonstrative Proof can be brought to convince them. This has been the easy Task of those who object against the *Demon* of *Socrates* ; but when no demonstrative Proof is to be had on either side, does not Wisdom incline us to lean to the most Probable ? Let us then consider whether the Evidences are not more credible, and Witnesses of such a thing are not Persons of more Authority, than *these* Men are, who vouchsafe to give *no* reason but their own *Incredulity* for maintaining the contrary, and whether *those* therefore by the right rule of judging, ought not much sooner than *these*, to gain over our Assent to their Assertions ?

We will however, laying aside the Histories of those ancient Times, the sense whereof, by various Readings and Interpretations being put upon the Words, is render'd obscure and almost unintelligible, descend to more modern Relations, the Facts whereof shall be placed beyond doubt, by reason of the Evidences we will bring to attest them, and shall consequently prove the perception Men have of Spirits or *Genii* by every Sense.

## S E C T I O N. I.

We will first begin as to the perception of Spirits by the Sight.

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Mr. *Glanvil* in his Collections of Relations, for proving Apparitions, Spirits, &c. tells us of an *Irish* Man, that had like to have been carried away by Spirits, and of the Ghost of a Man who had been Seven Years dead, that brought a Medicine to his Bed-side.

The Relation is thus.

A Gentleman in *Ireland*, near to the Earl of *Orrery*'s sending his Butler one After-noon to buy Cards ; as he pass'd a Field, to his Wonder, he espy'd a Company of People sitting round a Table, with a deal of good Cheer before them, in the mid'st of the Field : And he going up towards them they all arose and saluted him, and desir'd him to sit down with them ; but one of them wisper'd these Words in his Ear.----*Do nothing this Company invites you to.* Hereupon he refus'd to sit down at the Table, and immediately Table and all that belong'd to it were gone, and the Company are now dancing and playing upon Musical Instruments. And the Butler being desir'd to join himself with them, but he refusing this also, they all fall to Work, and he not being to be prevail'd with, to accompany them in working any more than in feasting or dancing, they all dis-appear'd, and the Butler is now alone, but instead of going forwards, home he returns, as fast as he could drive, in a great Consternation ; and was no sooner enter'd his Master's Door, but he fell down and lay sometime Senseless, but coming

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again to himself, he related to his Master what had passed.

The Night following there comes one of his Company to his Bed-side, and tells him, *that if he offered to stir out of the Doors the next Day, he would be carried away.* Here-upon he kept within ; but towards the Evening having need to make Water, he adventur'd to put one Foot over the Threshold, several standing by, which he had no sooner done but they espy'd a Rope cast about his Middle ; and the poor Man was hurried away with great Swiftnes, they following him as fast as they could, but could not overtake him, at length they espy'd an Horse-man coming towards him, and made Signs to him to stop the Man whom he saw coming near him, and both ends of the Rope, but nobody drawing ; when they met he laid hold of one end of the Rope, and immediately had a smart blow given him over his Arm with the other end ; but by this means the Man was stopp'd, and the Horse-man brought him back with him.

The Earl of *Orrery* hearing of these strange Passages, sent to the Master to desire him to send this Man to his House, which he accordingly did, and the Morning following or quickly after, he told the Earl that his *Spectre* had been with him again, and assur'd him that that Day he should most certainly be carry'd away, and that no Endeavors should  
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avail to the saving of him ; upon this he was kept in a large Room with a considerable Number of Persons to guard him, among whom was the famous Stroaker Mr. *Greatrix*, who was a Neighbour. There were beside other Persons of Quality, Two Bishops in the House at the same time, who were consulted concerning the making use of a Medicine, the *Spectre* or *Ghost* prescrib'd, of which mention will be made anon, but they determin'd on the Negative.

Till part of the Afternoon was spent all was quiet, but at length he was perceiv'd to rise from the Ground, whereupon Mr. *Greatrix* and another lusty Man clapt their Arms over his Shoulders, one of them before him and the other behind, and weigh'd him down with all their Strength ; but he was forcibly taken up from them, and they were too weak to keep their hold, and for a considerable time he was carry'd into the Air, to and fro over their Heads, several of the Company still running under him to prevent his receiving hurt, if he should fall, at length he fell, and was caught before he came to the Ground and had by that means no hurt.

All being quiet till Bed-time, My LORD order'd Two of his Servants to lie with him, and the next Morning he told his Lordship, that his *Spectre* was again with him, and brought a wooden Dish with grey Liquor in it and bid him drink it off ; at the first sight

of the *Spectre* he said he endeavour'd to awake his Bed-fellows, but it told him, that that Endeavour should be in vain ; and that he had no cause to fear him, he being his Friend, and he that at first gave him the good Advice in the Field, which had he not followed, he had been before now perfectly in the Power of the Company he saw there ; he added, that he concluded it was impossible, but that he should have been carried away the Day before, there being so strong a Combination against him ; but now he could assure him there would be more Attempts of that nature, but he being troubled with Two sorts of sad Fits, he had brought that Liquor to cure him of them, and bid him drink it ; he peremptorily refusing, the *Spectre* was angry, and upbraided him with great dis-ingenuity, but told him, however, he had a kindness for him, and that if he would take *Plantane Juice*, he should be well of one sort of Fits, but he should carry the other to his Grave ; the poor Man having by this somewhat recover'd himself, ask'd the *Spectre* whether by the juice of *Plantane* he meant that of the *Leaves* or *Roots* ? It reply'd the *Roots*.

'Then it ask'd him whether he did not know him ? He answer'd no ; it reply'd I am such a one : The Man answer'd, he had been long dead : I have been dead, said the *Spectre* or *Ghost*, Seven Years, and you know, that I liv'd a loose Life, and ever since I have  
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been hurried up and down in a restless Condition with the Company you saw, and shall be to the Day of Judgment: Then he proceeded to tell him, that had he acknowledg'd God in his ways, he had not suffer'd such severe things by their Means; and further said, you never pray'd to God that Day before you met with this Company in the Fields.

This Relation was sent to Dr. *Henry More* by Mr. *E. Fowler*, who said, Mr. *Greatrix* told it several Persons: The Lord *Orrery* also own'd the Truth of it; and Mr. *Greatrix* told it to Dr. *Henry More* himself, who particularly inquired of Mr. *Greatrix* about the Man's being carried up into the Air, above Mens Heads in the Room, and he did expressly affirm that he was an Eye-witness thereof.

A Vision which happened to the ingenious and learned Dr. *Donne*, may not improperly be here inserted. Mr. *Isaac Walton* writing the Life of the said Doctor, tells us, that the Doctor and his Wife living with Sir *Robert Drury*, who gave them a free Entertainment at his House in *Drury-lane*; it happen'd that the Lord *Haye* was by King *James* sent in an Ambassy to the French King *Henry IV.* whom Sir *Robert* resolv'd to Accompany, and engag'd Dr. *Donne* to go with them, whose Wife was then with Child, at Sir *Robert's* House. Two Days after their arrival at *Paris* Dr. *Donne* was left alone in that Room, in

which Sir Robert and he, and some other Friends, had dined together. To this Place Sir Robert return'd within half an Hour ; and as he left, so he found Dr. Donne alone, but in such an Extasy, and so alter'd in his Looks, as amaz'd Sir Robert to behold him, inso-much that he earnestly desir'd Dr. Donne to declare, what had befallen him in the short time of his Absence. To which Dr. Donne was not able to make a *present* Answer ; but after a *long* and *perplex'd* Pause, did at last say, I have *seen a dreadful Vision*, since I saw you, I have *seen* my dear Wife pass Twice by me, through this Room, with her *Hair hanging* about her *Shoulders*, and a *dead Child* in her *Arms*, this I have seen since I saw you. To which Sir Robert reply'd, *sure*, Sir, you have *slept*, since I saw you, and this is the Result of some *melancholy Dream*, which I desire you to *forget*, for you are now *awake*. To which Dr. Donne's reply was, I cannot be *surer* that I *now live*, than that I have *not slept* since I saw you, and am as *sure* at her *Second appearing* she stop'd and *look'd* me in the *Face* and *vanish'd*. Rest and Sleep had not alter'd Dr. Donne's Opinion the next Day ; for he then affirm'd this *Vision* with a more deliberate and so confirm'd a Confidence, that he inclin'd Sir Robert to a faint Belief, that the *Vision* was true, who immediately sent a Servant to Drury House, with a Charge to hasten back and



and bring him Word whether Mrs. *Donne* were alive; and if alive, what *Condition* she was in as to her Health; The Twelfth Day the Messenger return'd with this Account: That he found and left Mrs. *Donne* very *Sad* and *Sick* in Bed, and that after a *long* and *dangerous* Labour, she had been deliver'd of a *dead* Child, and upon *Examination* the Abortion prov'd to be the *same* Day, and about the *very* Hour, that Dr. *Donne* affirm'd he saw her pass by in his Chamber. Mr. *Walton* adds this as a Relation; which will beget some Wonder, and well it may, for most of our World are at present possess'd with an Opinion, that Visions and Miracles are ceas'd; and though 'tis most certain that Two Lutes being both Strung and tuned to an equal Pitch, and then one play'd upon, the other, that is not touched, being laid upon the Table at a fit distance will (like an Eccho to a Trumpet) warble a faint audible Harmony in answer to the same Tune, yet many will not believe that there is any such thing as a Sympathy with Souls, &c.

## S E C T I O N. II.

I shall next relate some little Histories, to shew what *Perception* Men have had of *Spirits* by the *Sense* of *hearing*. For (as *Wierus* says) *Spirits* appear sometimes *invi-*

sibly, so that only a Sound, Voice or Noise, is perceived by Men, *viz.* a Stroke, Knocking, Whistling, Sneezing, Groaning, Lamenting or clapping of the Hands, to make Men attent to Enquire or Answer.

In *Luther's Colloquia Mensalia*, &c. set forth in *Latin* at *Francfort*, Anno 1557. it being a different Collection from that of *Aurifaber*, which is translated from *High Dutch* into *English*. We have the following Relation.

It happen'd in *Prussia*, that as a certain Boy was Born, there presently came to him a *Genius*, or what you please to call it (for I leave it to Mens Judgments) who had so faithful a Care of the Infant, that there was no need either of Mother or Servant; and, as he grew up, he had a like care of him: He went to School with him, but *so*, that he could never be *seen*, either by *himself*, or any *others* in *all* his Life. Afterwards he travelled into *Italy*, he accompanied him, and, whensoever any Evil was like to happen to him, either on the Road or in the Inn, he was perceiv'd to foretel it by some Touch or Stroke; he drew off his Boots as a Servant; if he turn'd his Journey another way, he continued with him, having the same care of him in foretelling Evil; at length he was made a *Canon*, and as, on a time, he was sitting and feasting with his Friends, in much Jollity, a vehement

ment Stroke was struck on a sudden, on the Table, so that they were all terrify'd; presently the *Canon* said to his Friends, be not afraid, some great Evil hangs over my Head. The next Day he fell into a great Fever, and the Fit continued on him for Three whole Days, till he died, miserably.

Captain *Henry Bell* in his Narrative prefix'd to *Luther's Table*, printed in *English*, Anno, 1652. having acquainted us how the *German* Copy printed of it had been discover'd under Ground, where it had lain hid Fifty Two Years, that Edition having been suppress'd by an Edict of the Emperor *Rudolphus II.* so that it was Death for any Person to keep a Copy thereof, and having told us that *Casparus Van Spar* a *German* Gentleman, with whom he was familiarly acquainted, while he negotiated Affairs in *Germany* for King *James I.* was the Person that discover'd it, Anno 1626. and transmitted it into *England* to him, and earnestly desired him to Translate the said Book into *English*, says, he accordingly set upon the Translation of it many times, but was always hinder'd from Proceeding in it by some intervening Business. About Six Weeks after he had receiv'd the Copy, being in Bed with his Wife one Night, between Twelve and One of the Clock, she being asleep, but himself awake, there appear'd to him an *ancient Man* standing at his Bed's-side array'd all in *White*, having a long  
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and *broad white Beard*, hanging down to his *Girdle*, who taking him by his *right Ear* said thus to him, *Sirrah!* Will you not take time to *Translate* that *Book*, which is sent unto you out of *Germany*? I will shortly provide for you both *Place* and *Time* to do it, and then he *vanish'd*: Hereupon being much affrighted he fell into an extream *Sweat*, so that his *Wife* awaking and finding him all over *Wet*, she ask'd him what he ail'd? He told her what he had *seen and heard*; but he never regarded *Visions* nor *Dreams*, and so the same fell out of his *Mind*. But a *Fort-night* after, being on a *Sunday* at his *Lodging* in *Kings-street, Westminster*, at *Dinner* with his *Wife*, Two *Messengers* were sent from the whole *Counsel-board*, with a *Warrant* to carry him to the *Gate-house Westminster*, there to be kept till further *Order* from the *Lords* of the *Council*; upon which *Warrant* he was kept there *Ten* whole *Years* close *Prisoner*, where he spent *Five Years* of it in *Translating* the *said Book*, having good *Cause* to be mindful of the *old Man's saying*: I will shortly provide for you both *Place* and *Time* to *Translate* it.

Tho' the *Perception* of *Spirits* chiefly affects the *hearing* and *seeing* *Faculties*, yet are not the *other Senses* without some *Participation* of these *genial Objects*, whether *Good* or *Evil*; for as *St. Austin* says, the evil *Work* of the *Devil* creeps through all  
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the Passages of the Senses ; he presents himself in Figures; applies himself to Colours, adheres to Sounds, introduces Odors, infuses himself in Savors, and fills all the Passages of Intelligence ; sometimes cruelly tormenting with Grief and Fear, sometimes sportingly diverting Man or taunting with Mocks ; and on the other Hand, as the learned *Walter Hilton* (a great Master of contemplative Life) in his Scale of Perfection, sets forth, that Appearances or Representations to the corporeal Senses, may be both *Good* and *Evil*.

But before I conclude upon this Head, to give still more Weight and Authority to the Perception Men have had of these *Genii*, both by the Senses of *hearing* and *seeing*, I will relate Two very remarkable Fragments of History of this kind, told us by Persons who demand our Credit, and done within the Memory of our Grandfathers and Fathers.

The first is concerning that Duke of *Buckingham* who was stab'd by *Felton*, *August* the Twenty Third 1628.

Mr. *Lilly* the *Astrologer* in his Book entitled *Monarchy or no Monarchy in England*, printed in Quarto, 1651. Having mentioned the Duke of *Buckingham*, writes as follows. *Since I am upon the Death of Buckingham, I shall relate a true Story of his being*  
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*admonished often, of the Death he should die, in this Manner.*

An aged Gentleman, one *Parker*, as I now remember, having formerly belonged unto the Duke, or of great Acquaintance with the Duke's Father, and now retired, had a *Demon* appeared several Times to him in the shape of Sir *George Villiers*, the Duke's Father: This *Demon* walk'd many Times in *Parker's* Bed-chamber, without any Action of Terror, Noise, Hurt or Speech; but at last, one Night, broke out in these Words: Mr. *Parker*, I know you loved me formerly, and my Son *George* at this Time very well, I would have you go from me, (you know me very well to be his Father old Sir *George Villiers* of *Leicestershire*) and acquaint him with these and these Particulars, &c. and that he above all refrain the Council and Company of such and such, whom he then nominated, or else he will come to Destruction, and that suddenly. *Parker*, though a very discreet Man, partly imagined himself in a Dream all this Time; and being unwilling to proceed upon no better Grounds, forbore addressing himself to the Duke; for he conceived, if he should acquaint the Duke with the Words of his Father, and the manner of his appearance to him, (such Apparitions being not usual) he should be laugh'd at, and thought to Doat, in regard he was aged. Some few Nights past without further

ther Trouble to the old Man, but not very many Nights after, old Sir *George Villiers* appeared again, walk'd quick and furiously in the Room, seem'd angry with *Parker*, and at last said, Mr. *Parker*, I thought you had been my Friend so much, and loved my Son *George* so well, that you would have acquainted him with what I desired, but I know you have not done it ; by all the Friendship that ever was betwixt *you* and *me*, and the great *Respect* you bear *my Son*, I desire you to deliver, what I formerly commanded you, to *my Son*. The old Man seeing himself thus solicited, promised the *Demon* he would, but first argued it thus, that the Duke was not *easy* to be *spoken* withal, and that *he* would account *him* a *vain Man* to come with *such a Message* from the *Dead* ; nor did he conceive the *Duke* would give *any Credit* to him ; to which the *Demon* thus answer'd. If he will *not* believe you have this Discourse from me, tell him of *such a Secret* (and nam'd it) which he knows *none* in the World ever knew but *myself* and *him*. Mr. *Parker* being now *well satisfy'd* that he was *not* asleep, and that the *Apparition* was *not* a *vain Delusion*, took a fit Opportunity, and seriously acquainted the *Duke* with his *Father's Words*, and the *manner* of his *Apparition*. The *Duke* laugh'd heartily at the Relation, which put old *Parker* to a stand, but at last he assumed Courage, and told the *Duke* that he acquainted



ed his Father's Ghost, with what he found now to be true, *viz.* *Scorn and Derision*; but my Lord, says he, your Father bid me acquaint you by *this Token*; and he said it was *such* as none in the World but your *Two selves* did yet know; *hereat* the Duke was *amazed*, and much astonished; but took *no* Warning or Notice thereof, keeping the *same Company* still, advising with *such Counselors*, and performing *such Actions* as his Father by *Parker* countermanded; shortly after, old Sir *George Villiers* in a very quiet but sorrowful Posture, appears again to *Parker*, and said, Mr. *Parker*, I know you deliver'd my Words to *George* my Son, I thank you for so doing, but he slighted them, and now I only request this more at your Hands, that once again you repair to my Son, and tell him, that, if he will not amend, and follow the Counsel I have given him, this Knife or Dagger (and with that he pull'd a Knife or Dagger from under his Gown) shall end him; and do you Mr. *Parker* set your House in order, for you shall die at such a Time. Mr. *Parker* once more engag'd, though very unwillingly, to acquaint the Duke with the last Message, and so did; but the Duke desir'd him to trouble him no further with such Messages and Dreams, and told him he perceiv'd he was now an old Man and doted; and within a *Month* after meeting Mr. *Parker* on *Lambeth Bridge*; said, now, Mr. *Parker*, what  
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say you of your Dream? Who only return'd; Sir, I wish it may never have success, &c. But within Six Weeks after, he was stab'd with a Knife, according to his Father's Admonition before-hand, and Mr. Parker died soon after he had seen the Dream or Vision perform'd.

This Relation is inserted also in the *Great Lord Clarendon's History*, and in *Sir Richard Baker's Chronicle*. The *Lord Clarendon* in his *History Vol. 1. L. 1.* having given some Relations, says, that amongst others, there was one (meaning this of *Parker*) which was upon a *better Foundation of Credit*, than usually such Discourses are founded upon. And he tells us that *Parker* was an Officer in the King's Wardrobe in *Windsor Castle*, of a good Reputation for Honesty and Discretion, and then about the Age of Fifty Years or more. This Man had in his Youth been bred in a School in the Parish where *Sir George Villiers*, the Father of the Duke lived, and had been much cherish'd and obliged in that Season of his Age, by the said *Sir George*, whom afterwards he never saw. About Six Months before the miserable End of the Duke of *Buckingham* the Apparition was seen; after the Third Appearance he made a Journey to *London*, where the Court then was; he was very well known to *Sir Ralph Freeman*, one of the Masters of the Requests, who had married a Lady that was near allied to the Duke,

Duke, and was himself well receiv'd by him. He inform'd the Duke with the Reputation and Honesty of the Man, and Sir *Ralph Freeman* carry'd the Man the next Morning, by Five of the Clock, to *Lambeth*, according to the Duke's Appointment, and there presented him to the Duke, who receiv'd him courteously at his landing, and walk'd in Conference near an Hour with him, and Sir *Ralph's* and the Duke's Servants at such a distance, that they heard not a Word; but Sir *Ralph* always fix'd his *Eyes* on the Duke, who sometimes spoke with great *Commotion* and *Disorder*; and that the Man told Sir *Ralph* in their return over the Water, that when he mentioned those particulars that were to gain him *Credit*, the Duke's *Colour* changed, and he swore he could come to that Knowledge only by the *Devil*; for that those particulars were known only to himself, and to one Person more, who, he was sure, would never speak of them. So far the Lord *Clarendon*.

I will now subjoin an authentick Relation, which Mr. *Beaumont* tells us at the end of his Book of *Genii* or familiar Spirits, printed in the Year 1705. he had just before receiv'd from the Mouth of the then Bishop of *Gloucester* himself. It is as follows, Word for Word.

Sir *Charles Lee*, by his first Lady, had only one Daughter, of which she died in Child-birth; and when she died, her Sister, the  
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Lady *Everard* desir'd to have the Education of the Child ; and she was by her very well educated, till she was Marriageable ; and a Match was concluded for her with Sir *William Perkins*, but was then prevented in an extraordinary manner. Upon a Thursday Night she thinking she saw a Light in her Chamber after she was in Bed, knock'd for her Maid, who presently came to her ; and she ask'd why she left a Candle burning in her Chamber ? The Maid said she left none, and there was none, but what she brought with her at that Time. Then she said it was the Fire : But that the Maid told her was quite out, and said she believ'd it was only a Dream ; whereupon she said it might be so, and compos'd herself again to Sleep ; but about Two of the Clock she was awaken'd again, and saw the Apparition of a little Woman between her Curtain and her Pillow, who told her she was her Mother, and that she was Happy, and that by Twelve of the Clock that Day, she should be with her ; whereupon, she knock'd again for her Maid, called for her Cloaths, and when she was dress'd, went into her Closet, and came not out again till Nine ; and then brought out with her a Letter sealed to her Father, brought it to her Aunt, the Lady *Everard*, told her what had happen'd, and desir'd, that, as soon as she was Dead, it might be sent to him ; but the Lady thought she was suddenly fallen

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Mad ; and thereupon sent presently away to *Chelmsford* for a Physician and Surgeon, who both came immediately, but the Physician could discern no Indication of what the Lady imagined, or of any Indisposition of her Body ; notwithstanding the Lady would needs have her let Blood, which was done accordingly ; and when the young Woman had patiently let them do what they would with her, she desir'd that the Chaplain might be called to read Prayers, and when Prayers were ended she took her *Gittar* and *Psalm-book*, and sat down upon a Chair without Arms, and play'd and sung so melodiously and admirably, that her Musick-master, who was then there, admired at it ; and near the Stroke of Twelve, she rose and sat herself down in a great Chair with Arms, and presently fetching a strong Breathing or Two, immediately expired, and was so suddenly Cold, as was much wonder'd at by the Physician and Surgeon. She died at *Waltham* in *Essex*, Three Miles from *Chelmsford* ; and the Letter was sent to Sir *Charles* at his House in *Warwickshire* : But he was so afflicted with the death of his Daughter, that he came not till she was buried ; but when he came he caus'd her to be taken up, and to be buried by her Mother at *Edmuntou*, as she desir'd in her Letter. This was about the Year one Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Two, or Sixty Three. And this Relation the Right  
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Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Gloucester* had from Sir *Charles Lee* himself; and Mr. *Beaumont* printed it in his Book above-mentioned, from the Bishops own Mouth.

The Relations which I have given above, are not like the trifling Accounts too often given of these things, and therefore causing grave ones to be ridiculed in common with them. They are of that Nature, that, whoever attempts to ridicule them, will, instead of turning them into Jest, become the Object of Ridicule himself.

The first Story, which has in it such amazing Circumstances, and such uncommon and dreadful Incidents concerning the Butler in *Ireland*, is (as the Reader sees) attested by no less a Personage than an Earl of *Orrery*, Two Bishops, and many other Noblemen and Gentlemen, being present and Eye-witnesses of what the Earl said. What greater Testimony would the most Incredulous have? They say such things are told for Interest; what Interest could an Earl and many Noblemen have in promoting such an Imposture? The Incredulous say, likewise great and learned Men delight sometimes in putting Frauds upon the World, and after laugh at their Credulity: Would a Number of noble Lay-men chuse Two Prelates to carry on such a Fraud; and would Two pious Bishops probably Combine with several, and some Servants there present, in spreading such a Deceit? 'Tis past believ-

ing, and it demands the strictest of moral Faith that can be given, to the most unquestion'd History, that the Pen of Man ever wrote.

The Second Story is founded, first, upon the Experience of one of the most ingenious Men of that Age, Dr. *Donne*, and then upon the Proof made by his Friend, Sir *Robert Drury*, who could at first scarce believe it; and shall we doubt the Credit of Men, whose Company (for their Credit be it spoken) a *British* Ambassador was proud of gaining?

The Third Story is told by *Luther* himself, who began the great Work of the Reformation.

The Fourth is told by one that was a King's publick Minister, and told from his own Trial of the matter where he could have no Interest in the telling it.

The Fifth is related by those great Historians, the Lord *Clarendon*, and Sir *Richard Baker*, as a Truth rely'd upon by themselves, and fit to be credited by their Readers.

The Sixth and last was related to Mr. *Beaumont*, by the Lord Bishop of *Gloucester*, who receiv'd the Account from Sir *Charles Lee* himself, to whose Grand-daughter the Matter happen'd.

Men who will not believe such things, as these, so well attested to us, and given us by such Authorities, because they did not see them themselves, nor any thing of the like Nature, ought not only to deny the *Demon*  
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of *Socrates*, but that there was such a Man as *Socrates* himself; they should not dispute the *Genii* of *Cæsar*, *Cicero*, *Brutus*, *Mark Anthony*, but avow that there were never any such Men existing upon Earth, and overthrow all credible History whatsoever. Mean while all Men, but those, who run such Lengths in their fantastical Incredulity, will, from the Facts above-mentioned, rest satisfied, that there are such things as evil and good *Genii*, and that Men have sometimes a Commerce with them by all their Senses, particularly those of *seeing* and *hearing*, and will not therefore be startled at the strange Fragments of Histories, which I am going to relate of our young *Duncan Campbell*, and look upon some wonderful Adventures which he perform'd by the Intervention of his familiar *Demon* or *Genius*, as Falshoods, only because they are uncommon and surprizing, more especially since they were not done in a corner, but by an open way of Profession of a predictor of Things, in the Face of the Metropolis of *London*, where he settled Young, as will appear in the Progress of his Life. However, some People, notwithstanding all this, may alledge, that though a Man may have a *Genius* appear to him, so as to convey into his Mind, through his Senses, the knowledge of things that are to come to pass, yet this happens, but on very eminent and extraordinary Occasions. The Murder for Example of a prime

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Minister, and the Favourite of a Monarch, in such a manner as it was perform'd on the Great *Buckingham*, by *Felton*, was a thing so uncommon, that it might perhaps deserve, by the Permission of Heaven, an uncommon Prediction : The others likewise are Instances Eminent in their way, particularly that of the Lady *Everard's* Niece ; For that young Lady being then Marriageable, and a Treaty for that end being on Foot with Sir *William Perkins* ; the Divine Providence foreseeing that such a State might call away her Thoughts, hitherto bent on him and spiritual Affairs, and fix them on the Trifles of this World, might perhaps permit her to be called by a holy Mother to the State of Happiness, she before her enjoy'd, lest her Daughter's Mind should change, and she go into the Ways of a Sinner. But if these Supereminent, these scarce and rare Examples, may be admitted of Man's holding a Conversation with the spiritualiz'd Beings of another World ; it will however be far below the Dignity of humane Reason methinks, to make such large Concessions to People, who pretend to Converse that wonderful way, as to allow them the Credit of being able to do it upon every slight Occasion, and every indifferent Occurrence of human Life.

I cannot help acknowledging, that a Man of Wisdom may, at first Thought, make such an Objection ; but Reflection will presently retract



retract it, and the same good Sense that taught him to make an Objection so well upon the first Thought, will teach him, upon Second Thoughts, to acquiesce in the Answer.

Infants may have no doubt the Benefit of such an attending *Genius*, as well as People more advanc'd in Years ; as may be seen in one of the Instances, which is a very famous one, relating to the Boy Born in *Prussia*, who was attended by one constantly from the Time of his Birth to his Death. Besides it is a mistake in the Understanding, to imagin, that Death, which is the determination and end of Life, is of more Consequence to be known than the manner of regulating that Life ; for in reality, according to the right way of considering, Death, or the determination of a Man's Life, derives its Importance from the Steps which he took in the due regulation of it ; and therefore every the least Step, proper to be taken for the due regulation of Life, is of more Consequence to be known, than the Death of a Person, though this at first sight carries the Face of Significance, and the other nothing better than the look of a Trifle. Marriage for example is a Step in Life of the utmost Importance, whether we consider that Estate with regard to this, or the next World. Death is but the finishing of one Person, but Marriage may be the introducing of many into the World with Happiness ; it is there-

fore a thing of more importance to be known before-hand, and consequently more worthy of the communication of a *Genius* to the Man with whom he convers'd. *Possidonius* tells us, that a certain *Rhodian* dying, nominated Six of his equals, and said who should die first, who next, and so on, and the event answer'd the Prediction; why then (tho' some People are apt to make a Jest of it) may not a Man by the intervention of his good *Genius*, tell a Woman, that is to have Six Husbands, who she shall have first, who next, and so on, and the event answer the Prediction? If Men of Learning may acquire such Knowledge, as to attain to extraordinary Things by their ordinary Faculties, why may not ordinary Things be taught others in this extraordinary way? For will any-body say that it is easier for a Man to accommodate himself to the knowledge of a *Demon* or *Genius*, than for a *Demon* or *Genius* to accommodate himself to the Knowledge of a Man? Certain it is indeed that if this good *Genius* (that induces a Man with a prophetick kind of Science) be any thing resembling a good Angel, the *primary end* of his being permitted to direct Mankind, must consist in Things relating more to their Welfare hereafter; yet I know not why they may not sometimes inspire, or openly direct them in human Knowledge, and in things relating to human Life, so they are of a good Tendency; more especially

cially since such a good Inspiration may be a counterballance to the bad Knowledge which some have been inspir'd with by evil Spirits. I would not be thought to go too far in a Point of this Nature, and have therefore (though perhaps I could say much more if I follow'd entirely my own private Opinion, and would venture to introduce it here, in Order to communicate it to others, and make it a publick one) said no more on this Head than what Divines generally teach.

But the most unexceptionable Mistress, that teaches these Things to be in Nature, is Experience. If we had very many People gifted this way, the extraordinary Thing would have been become ordinary, and therefore I can't help wondering that it should be so ordinary a Thing for wise Men themselves to wonder too much at Things, because they are extraordinary, and suspect them as Frauds, because they are uncommon.

There has scarce been any period of Time in which some Person of this prophetick Class has not exist'd, and has not been consulted by the greatest of Men, and their Predictions found at the long run to come true; ignorant Men always rise to their Belief of them by Experience, and the most learned Men submit their great Opinions to Experience, but your Men of *midling Talents*, who make up their want of Reason with bustling Obstinacy and noisy Contradiction, have been and still  
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continue to be their own Opposers, and without discovering the reason for what they say, they content themselves with having the laugh on their sides, and barely affirming without proving, that it is a kind of *ideal Juggle* and *intellectual Legerdemain*, by which these modern Predictors impose things upon the Eye of Reason, as the corporeal Eye is impos'd upon by slight of Hand; but it is a strange thing that Men of such quick Reason can't give us a Sample of the Frauds. Thus I remember to have read (I can't tell where) a Story of some Courtiers, who, when a great Artist of *Legerdemain* was to act before the King, pretended to be so quick sighted, that nothing he did should escape their Discovery, were left by his nimble Fingers in the Dark, and forc'd at last with Blushes to own they had no better Eyes than other People. In a Word, if People will be led by Suspicions and remote possibilities of Fraud and Contrivance of such Men, all Historical Truth shall be ended, when it consists not with a Man's private Humour or Prejudice to admit it. Now therefore to prove by Experience and undeniable Testimonies, that these kind of *Genii* will submit to little Offices in order to bring Men to greater Good; I will give the Reader Three or Four curious Passages, that will set the reasonable Reader at ease, and prepare him for reading the Passages of Mr. *Campbell's* Life with Pleasure, and as a fine History of wonderful



derful Facts, that though they seem to surpass Belief, yet ought to have his Credit.

What in Nature can be more trivial than for a Spirit to employ himself in knocking on a Morning at the Wainscot by the Beds-head of a Man who got drunk over Night, according to the way that such things are ordinarily explain'd? And yet I shall give you such a Relation of this, that not even the most devout and precise *Presbyterian* will offer to call in Question. For Mr. *Baxter* in his *Historical Discourse of Apparitions* writes thus.

There is now in *London* an understanding sober pious Man, oft one of my Hearers, who has an elder Brother, a Gentleman of considerable Rank, who having formerly seem'd Pious, of late Years does often fall into the Sin of Drunkenness; he often Lodges long together here in his Brother's House; and whenever he is Drunk and has slept himself Sober, something knocks at his Bed's-head, as if one knock'd on a Wainscot: When they remove his Bed it follows him: Besides other loud Noises, on other Parts where he is, that all the House hears, they have often watch'd him, and kept his Hands least he should do it himself: His Brother has often told it me, and brought his Wife a discreet Woman to attest it; who avers moreover, that as she watch'd him, she has seen his Shoes under the Bed taken up, and nothing Visible to touch them. They brought the Man himself  
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to me, and when we ask'd him, how he dare Sin again after such a warning, he had no excuse : But being Persons of Quality, for some special Reason of worldly Interest I must not name him.

Two things are remarkable in this Instance. (says Mr. *Baxter*) *first*, What a powerful thing Temptation and fleshly Concupiscence is, and what an harden'd Heart Sin brings Men to ; if one rose from the Dead to warn such Sinners, it would not of itself perswade them.

*Secondly*, (says Mr. *Baxter*) It Poses me to think what kind of *Spirit* this is, that has such a care of this Man's Soul, which makes me hope he will Recover. Do good *Spirits* dwell so near us, or are they sent on such Messages ? Or is it his Guardian Angel ? Or is it the Soul of some dead Friend that Suffers ? and yet retaining Love to him as *Dives* to his Brethren would have him saved ? God yet keeps such things from us in the Dark.

So far we have the Authority of the renown'd and famous Mr. *Baxter*, who makes this knocking of the *Spirit* at the Bed's-head (though what we commonly call frivolous) an important Errand.

Another Relation of this kind was sent to Mr. *John Beaumont* (whom I myself personally know and which he has inserted in his Account of *Genii* or *familiar Spirits*) in a Letter by an ingenious and learned Clergy-man of *Wiltshire* ; who had given him the Relation  
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likewise before by Word of Mouth. It is as follows.

Near Eighty Years since, in the Parish of *Wilcot* (which is by the *Devizes*) in the Vicar's House, there was heard for a considerable Time the sound of a Bell, constantly tolling every Night ; the occasion was this : A debauch'd Person who liv'd in the Parish, came one Night very late and demanded the Keys of the Church, of the Vicar, that he might ring a Peal, which the Vicar refus'd to let him have, alledging the unseasonableness of the Time, and that he should by granting his Desires give a disturbance to Sir *George Wroughton* and his Family, whose House adjoined to the Church-yard. Upon this refusal the Fellow went away in a Rage, threatening to be reveng'd of the Vicar, and going some time after to the *Devizes*, met with one *Cantle* or *Cantlow*, a Person noted in those Days for a *Wizard* ; and he tells him how the Vicar had serv'd him, and begs his help to be even with him. The Reply *Cantel* made him was this ; does he not love ringing ? He shall have enough of it : And from that Time a Bell began to Toll in his House, and continued so to do till *Cantell's* Death, who confess'd at *Fisherton* Goal in *Sarum*, (where he was confin'd by King *James* during his Life) that he caus'd that Sound, and that it should be heard in that Place during Life. The Thing was so notorious, that  
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Persons came from all Parts to hear it. And King *James* sent a Gentleman from *London*, on purpose to give him Satisfaction concerning the Truth of the Report. Mr. *Beaumont* had likewise this Story as he tells from the Mouth of Sir *George Wroughton's* own Son; with this remarkable Circumstance, that if any in the House put their Heads out of the Window, they could not hear the Sound, but heard it immediately again as soon as they stood in the Room.

The Reader here sees that good and bad *Genii* exercise themselves upon very little Functions, knocking at Bed's-heads, and ringing of Bells. For Proof of this we have the Testimonies of Two Divines, of a Man of Quality and Probity, and the same Satisfaction that a learned King had, who sent to inquire into the matter; and after this there can be I think no room for Doubt.

But to carry the Point still nearer Home; Inasmuch as I know some will leave no Stone unturn'd, to make the extraordinary Actions, which the Person, whose Life I write, has perform'd, appear Impostures, and inasmuch as for this End they may say, that though many People may have been gifted in this extraordinary manner, yet not so as to make a Profession of it, and therefore from thence they take their Suspensions, I shall in this Place to remove every nicest Scruple they can have touching this Affair, give the Reader one Instance



Instance of this kind likewise, before I proceed with my History,

There lived not many Years since a very aged Gentlewoman, in *London*, in *Water-lane*, by *Fleet-street*, whose Name was *Pight*, who was endow'd with a prophetick *Spirit*: And the ingenious Mr. *Beaumont* (whom I personally knew and who had a familiar *Genius* himself) gives the World this Account of her. She was very well known (says he) to many Persons of my Acquaintance now living in *London*. Among others, a Gentleman, whose Candour I can no way suspect, has told me, that he often resorted to her, as to an Oracle; and that assoon as he came into her Presence, she would usually tell him, that she knew what he was coming for, for that she had seen his *Spirit* for some Time before: And without his saying any thing to her, she would commonly tell him what the Business was, which he came to consult her about, and what the Event of it would be; which he always found to fall out as she said, and many other Persons now living can testify the like Experience of her as to themselves.

Before I conclude this Chapter, I am willing to give the Publick one further little History of the like kind with the foregoing ones, with this only difference, that if it be valued according to the worth the World has always attributed to the very ingenious Person whom it concerns, it will be far the most famous

mous of them all, and therefore fittest to finish this Chapter, and to crown this part of the Work, in which we are showing that Persons have had a Perception of *Genii* or *Spirits*, not visible at the same time to others.

The famous *Torquatus Tasso* Prince of the *Italian* Poets, and scarce inferior to the immortal *Virgil* himself, and who seems to enjoy the intermingled Gifts of the most accurate *Judgment* of this *Latin* Poet, and the more fertile and copious invention and fancy of the *Greek* one, *Homer*, strongly asserted his own Experience in this kind. His Life was written and published in *French*, Anno 1692. by D. C. D. D. V. who, in his Preface, tells us, that, in what he writ, he has followed chiefly the History given us in *Italian* by *John Baptista Manso*, a *Neapolitan* Gentleman, who had been a very intimate Friend to *Tasso*. In his Life, among other things, he acquaints us, that *Tasso* was naturally of that melancholick Temperament, which has always made the greatest Men, and that this Temperament being aggravated by many Hardships he had undergone, it made him sometimes *beside himself*, and that those melancholick Vapors being dispatched, he came again to himself, like those, that return from Fits of the falling Sickness, his *Spirit* being as free as before. That, near his latter End, he retired from the City of *Naples*, to his Friend *Manso*, at *Bisaccia*, a small Town in  
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the Kingdom of *Naples*, where *Manso* had a considerable Estate, and passed an *Autumn* there in the Diversions of the Season.

And here the *French* Author gives us an Account of *Tasso's* sensible Perception of a *Genius* as follows. As, after these Amusements, he usually retired to his Chamber, to entertain himself there with his Friend *Manso*; the latter had the opportunity to inquire into one of the most singular Effects of *Tasso's* Melancholy, (of this *heroick Melancholy*, as I may call it) which raised and brightened his *Spirit*, so far it was from depressing or rendering it obscure ; and which, among the Ancients, would have reasonably caus'd them, to have ascribed a *familiar Demon* to him, as to *Socrates*. They were often in a warm debate, concerning this *Spirit*, with which *Tasso* pretended to have so free a Communication. I'm too much your Friend, said *Manso*, to him, one Day, not to let you know, what the World thinks of you, concerning this thing, and what I think of it myself. Is it possible, that, being inlightened as you are; you should be fall'n into so great a Weakness, as to think you have a *familiar Spirit* ; and will you give your Enemies that advantage, to be able to prove by your own acknowledgment, what they have already published to the World ? You know they say, you did not publish your *Dialogue of the Messenger*, as a *Fiction* ; but you would have Men believe,



that the *Spirit*, which you make to speak there, was a *real* and *true Spirit*: Hence Men have drawn this injurious Consequence, that your Studies have *embroil'd* your Imagination, so that there is made in it a *confused mixture* of the Fictions of the *Poets*, the Inventions of the *Philosophers*, and the Doctrine of *Religion*.

I am not ignorant, answer'd *Tasso*, of all that is spread abroad in the World, on the account of my *Dialogue*: I have taken care divers Times to dis-abuse my Friends, both by Letter and Word of Mouth: I prevented ev'n the Malignity of my Enemies, as you know, at the Time I publish'd my *Dialogue*. Men could not be ignorant that I compos'd it for the young Prince of *Mantua*, to whom I would explain, after an agreeable manner, the principal Mysteries of the Platonick Philosophy. It was at *Mantua* itself, after my Second Flight from *Ferrara*, that I form'd the *Idea* of it, and I committed it to Paper a little after my unfortunate Return. I address'd it to this Prince, and all Men might have read in the *Epistle Dedicatory*, the Protestation I there make, that this *Dialogue* being writ according to the Doctrine of the *Platonicks*, which is not always conformable to reveal'd Truths; Men must not confound what I expose there as a *Philosopher*, with what I believe as a *Christian*. This distinction is by so much the more reasonable, that at that Time  
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nothing extraordinary had happened to me, and I spake not of any *Apparition*. This can be attested by all those with whom I lodged or whom frequented in this Voyage; and therefore there is no reason for confounding the Fiction of my *Dialogue*, with what has happen'd to me since. I am perswaded of all you say to me, reply'd *Manso*, but truly I cannot be of what you believe, at present, concerning yourself. Will you imagin, that you are in Commerce with a *Spirit*? And I ask you of what Order is that *Spirit*? Shall we place him in the number of the Rebels, whom their Pride precipitated into the *Abyss*? Or of the Inteligences, who continued firm in Faith and Submission to their Creator? For there is no mean to take in the true Religion, and we must not fall into the extravagances of the *Gnomes* and *Silphs* of the *Cabalists*.

Now the *Spirit* in Question cannot be a *Demon*: You own that instead of inspiring you any thing contrary to Piety and Religion, he often fortifies in you the Maxims of Christianity; he strengthens your Faith by profound reasonings, and has the same Respect with you for sacred Names and Things. Neither can you say that it's an *Angel*; for, tho' you have always led a regular Life, and far from all Dissoluteness; tho' for some Years past you have apply'd yourself, after a particular manner, to the Duties of a true Christian, you will agree with me, that these sorts

of Favors are not common ; that a Man must have attained to a high degree of Sanctity, and not be far from the pureness of Celestial *Spirits*, to merit a familiar Converse, and bear a Harmony with them. Believe me there is nothing in all these Discourses, which you imagin you have with this *Spirit*. You know, better than any Man, those Symptoms, which the black Humours, wherewith you are tormented, causes in you. Your Vapours are the source of your Visions, and yourself would not judge otherwise of another Person, to whom a like thing should happen ; and you will come to this in your own respect also, if you will make a mature Reflection, and apply yourself, to blot out, by an effort of Reason, these Immaginations, which the violence of your evil Effect causes in you. You may have Reason, reply'd *Tasso*, to think so of the things that pass in me ; but, as to myself, who have a sensible Perception of them, I am forced to reason after another manner. If it were true that the *Spirit* did not shew himself to me, but in the violent assault of my Vapours : If he offer'd to my Imagination, but wandring and confus'd *Species*, without Connection or due Sequel ; if he us'd to me frivolous reasonings, which ended in nothing ; or if having begun some solid reasoning, he broke it off on a sudden, and left me in Darkness, I should believe with you, that all things, that pass, are but mere Dreams  
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and Phantoms: But it's quite otherwise: This *Spirit* is a *Spirit* of Truth and Reason, and of a Truth so distinct, of a Reason so sublime, that he raises me often to Knowledges, that are above all my reasonings, tho' they appear to me no less clear; that he teaches me things, which, in my most profound Meditations, never came into my Spirit, and which I never heard of any Man, nor read in any Book. This *Spirit* therefore is somewhat of *real*; of whatsoever Order he be, I hear him and see him, nevertheless for its being impossible for me to comprehend and define him. *Manso* did not yield to these Facts, which *Tasso* would have pass'd for Proofs: He press'd him with new *Questions*, which were not without *Answers*. Since you will not believe me on my Word, said *Tasso* to him, another Day, after having well disputed, I must convince you by your own Eyes, that these things are not pure Imaginations: And the next Day conversing together in the same Chamber, *Manso* perceiv'd that, on a sudden he fix'd his Eyes towards the Window, and that he stood, as it were, immovable; he call'd to him and jogg'd him many times, but instead of answering him; see there the *Spirit*, says *Tasso*, at last, that has been pleas'd to come and visit me, and to entertain himself with me; look on him, and you will acknowledge the Truth of what I say.

*Manso* somewhat surprized, cast his Eyes towards the Place he shewed him, and perceiv'd nothing but the Rays of the Sun passing through the Glass, nor did he see any thing in all the Chamber, though he cast his Eyes round it with Curiosity, and he desir'd him to shew him the *Spirit*, which he look'd for in vain, while he heard *Tasso* speak with much Vehemency. He declares in a Letter, which he writ concerning this to the Admiral of *Naples*, that he really heard no other Voice, but *Tasso's* own : But they were sometimes *Questions* made by him to the pretended *Spirit*, sometimes *Answers*, that he made to the pretended *Questions* of the *Spirit*, and which were couch'd in such admirable Terms, so efficacious, concerning Subjects so elevated, and so extraordinary, that he was ravish'd with Admiration, and dared not to interrupt him. He hearken'd therefore attentively, and being quite beside himself at this mysterious Conversation, which ended at last by a recess of the *Spirit* ; as he found by the last Words of *Tasso* ; after which *Tasso* turning himself to him, well, said he, are your doubts at last dissipated ? On the contrary, answer'd *Manso*, I am more imbroiled than ever ; I have truly heard wonderful things ; but you have not shewed me, what you promised me ; you have seen and heard, resumed *Tasso* perhaps more than ----- he stop'd here ; and *Manso*, who could not recover himself



himself of his surprize, and had his Head filled with the *Ideas* of this extraordinary Entertainment, found himself not in a condition to press him farther. Mean while he engaged himself not to speak a Word to any Man of these things he had heard, with a design to make them Publick, though he should have Liberty granted him. They had many other Conversations concerning this matter, after which *Manso* own'd he was brought to that pass, that he knew not what to think or say, only, that, if it were a Weakness in his Friend to believe these Visions, he much fear'd it would prove contagious to him, and that he should become at last as credulous as himself.

Dr. *Beaumont*, who is still living, and with whom I have had formerly some acquaintance myself, has set down, among the others, this Relation at large concerning *Tasso*, and gives this reason for it; because, says the Doctor, *I think it contains a sufficient Answer to what many learned Friends have said to myself on the like occasion.*

Perhaps it may not be ungrateful to the Reader, if I subjoin here the short *Elogium* writ on *Tasso*, by the famous *Thuanus*, which is as follows.

Torquatus *Tasso* died about the Forty Fifth Year of his Age, a Man of a wonderful and prodigious Wit, who was seized with an incurable Fury in his Youth, when he lived at the

*Court of Ferrara, and nevertheless, in lucid Intervals, he writ many things, both in Verse and Prose, with so much Judgment, Elegancy, and extreme correctness of Style, that he turn'd, at length, that Pity, which many Men had conceiv'd for him, into an Amazement; while by that Fury, which, in others, makes their Minds outrageous, or dulls them, after it was over, his Understanding became as it were more purified, more ready in inventing things, more acute in aptly disposing them after they were invented, and more copious in adorning them with choice Words and weight of Sentences; and that which a Man of the soundest Sense would scarce Excogitate at his leisure, with the greatest Labour and Care imaginable, he, after a violent Agitation of the Mind set beside itself, naturally perform'd with a wonderful Felicity, so that he did not seem struck with an alienation of Mind, but with a divine Fury. He that knows not these things, which all Men know, that have been in Italy, and concerning which, himself sometimes complains, though modestly, in his Writings; let him read his Divine Works, and he must necessarily conclude, either, that I speak of another Man than Tasso, or that these things were Written by another Man than Tasso.*

After having given my Readers so many memorable Accounts, concerning the Perception Men have had, in all Ages, and still continue to have, of *Genii* or *familiar Spirits*, by all the Senses, as *seeing, hearing, &c.* which  
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Accounts have been attested by Men of the greatest Learning and Quality, if any of them still remain dissatisfied, I am contented, and desire them, for their Punishment, to lay down the Book, before they arrive at the more pleasant Parts of it, which are yet to come, and not to read one Tittle further. These unbelieving Gentlemen shall then be at Liberty, according as their different *Spirits* dictate, to ridicule me in the same manner, as many more learned and greater Men, than I, have been satyriz'd, before my Time, by Persons of a like infidel Temper, who would fain pass Incredulity upon the World, as Wisdom, and they may, with all the freedom in Nature, bestow upon me those *merry* Appellations, which, I very well know, such extraordinary Freethinkers, imagin to belong of Right to any Author, that either believes himself, or would possess the World with an Opinion and Belief, that there is such a thing, as the holding Commerce and Conversation, in this habitable World, with *Genii* and *familiar Spirits*. I shall only first tell them all I have to say to terminate the Dispute between them and me.

Those, who, to give themselves the Air and Appearance of Men of solid Wisdom and Gravity, load other Men, who believe in *Spirits*, with the Titles of being Men of Folly, Levity, or Melancholy, are desired to learn, that the same Folly (as they are pleas'd to term



term it) of Opinion is to be found in the greatest Men of Learning that ever existed in the Universe. Let them, in order to be convinced of this, read, *Apuleius's* Book *de deo Socrat.* *Censorinus's* Book *de die Nat.* c. 3. *Porphyrus* in his Book *de Abſtinentia*, *Agrippa* in his Treatise *de Occult. Phil.* l. 3. c. 22. and also c. 21. *Natalis* comes in his *Myth.* l. 4. c. 3. *Maraviglia* in his *Pſeudomantia. Diſſertation.* 9. and 11. and *Animadverſion.* 10. *Plato* in his *Timeus* & *Cratylus*, *Ammianus Marcellinus's* History Book 21. *Hieronimus Cardanus* in his Book *de vitâ propriâ.* c. 47. The great *Kircher* in his *Oedipus Oegyptiacus.* Vol. 3. p. 474. *Pausanius* in *Cliac. Poſter.* That immortal Orator *Cicero Lib.* 1. *de divinatione.* Lib. 2. *de Naturâ Deorum*, the *Histoire prodigieuſe*, written by *Pere Arnault.* And a Book intituled *Lux E tenebris*, which is a Collection of modern Viſions and Propheſies in Germany, by ſeveral Perſons ; tranſlated into Latin by *Jo. Amos. Comenius*, printed at *Amſterdam*, 1655. And if they will be at the pains of having due recourſe to theſe Quotations, they will find, that all theſe Men, whoſe Learning is unqueſtionable, and moſt of whom have been in a firm and undisputed Poſſeſſion of Fame for many Centuries, have all unaniſmouſly agreed in this Opinion, (how fooliſh ſoever they may think it) that there ever was and ever would be a Communication held between ſome ſelect Men and *Genii* or *familiar Spirits.*



*Spirits.* I must therefore desire their Pardon, if I rejoice, to see them remain Wise by themselves, and that I continue to be esteemed by them a Fool among so much good Company.

Others, out of a mere contempt of Religion, or cowardly, for fear of being thought Pusillanimous by Men, turn Bravo's to Heaven, and laugh at every Notion of *Spirits* as imbibed from the Nurse or imposed upon us by Priests, and may top these Lines upon us with an elegant and a convincing magisterial Sneer, though the divine *Socrates* was of our Opinion, and even experienc'd it to be true, having a *Genius* himself.

*The Priests but finish, what the Nurse began,  
And thus the Child imposes on the Man.*

These bring into my Mind, a saying of Sir Roger L'Estrange on *Seneca*, which I must apply to *Socrates*: I join in Opinion with a *Christian Heathen*, while they remain *Heathen Christians*.

The Third sort, out of a pretended Veneration to Religion and Divinity, may call me Superstitious and Chimerical. To them I answer, I will continue Chimerical and Superstitious with *St. Austin*; who gives the same Opinion in his *Civitate Dei* with *Ludovicus Vives*, let them be solider and more religious Divines than *St. Austin* in disowning it. Thus I bid these austere Criticks  
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heartily farewell ; but let my better natured Readers go on and find a new Example of this Conversation, being held with the *Genii* by our *Duncan Campbell*.

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## CHAP. VI.

*A Narrative of Mr. Campbell's coming to London and taking upon him the Profession of a Predictor ; together with an Account of many strange things that came to pass just as he foretold.*

**T**O proceed on regularly with the Life of young *Duncan Campbell*, I must let the Reader know that he continued thus conversing with his little *Genius*, as is set forth above in the Dialogue he had with me, and predicting many things of the like Nature, as I have described, till the Year 1694. when he was just Fourteen Years of Age, and then he left *Scotland*.

But before I come to speak of the manner of his departure from thence, his half native Country, inasmuch as his Father was of that Country, and he had his Education there. (what Education he could have being Deaf and Dumb) I must let the Reader know that in the Year 1692. my very good Friend Mrs. *Campbell*, his Mother in Law, died, and left him

him there at *Edinburgh*, an Orphan of Twelve Years of Age.

He was, I may venture to say, the most beautiful Boy of that Age I ever knew ; and the sensible Reader, who considers a Child of good Birth, with the Misfortunes of being Deaf and Dumb, left Fatherless and Motherless in the wide World, at Twelve Years Old, without any Competency for his Maintenance and Support, without any Relations, in a manner, that knew him or assisted him, all the little Fortune, his Father had, having been lost in the civil Commotions in *Scotland*, as I have related above, need not hear me describe the Compassion, I, and many more, had for him ; because such a Reader must certainly feel in his own Bosom the same lively Acts of Pity and Commiseration, at the hearing of such a Mishap, as I had at the seeing it, or at least as I have now reviv'd afresh within me at the relating it.

However, it came so to pass, that a Person of the Name of *Campbell*, and who was a distant Relation of the Boy, though he himself was but in indifferent Circumstances, was resolv'd to see him provided for one way or another, in a manner somewhat suitable to his Condition, and till that Time to take the best care of him himself, that he was able.

Several Ladies of Quality, who had known his Perfections, coveted to make the Boy one of their Domesticks, as a Page, or a Play-fellow

fellow to their Children ; for though he could not speak, he had such a Vivacity in all his Actions, such a sprightliness of Behaviour, and such a Merriment accompanying all his Gestures, that he afforded more Entertainment, than the prettiest and wittiest little Praters at those Years are wont to do. Mr. *Campbell* had certainly accepted of some of these fortunate Offers for his little Cousin, which were many of them likely to prove very Advantageous, if it had not been put in his Head by some Friends, particularly myself, that if he had a mind to dispose of the Boy in that manner, the best way he could take, would be, to present him to the late Earl of *Argyle*, who for his Name sake, and for his Father's sake, as well as the Qualifications and Endowments of the Boy, would more naturally (according to all Probability) take a greater pleasure and delight in him, and consequently provide better for him, and with a more lasting Care, than any other Person of Quality, that had a sudden liking to him which might change, and took him as a Stranger out of a bare Curiosity. Mr. *Campbell* was by these Reasons over-rul'd in the disposal of his little Dumb Prophetical Cousin, as he call'd him, and resolv'd that an Offer should be made of him to the present illustrious Duke of *Argyle's* most noble Father. But it so unfortunately happened, that the Earl making very much a  
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longer stay at *London*, than was expected, Mr. *Campbell*, the Uncle, sent our young *Duncan Campbell*, his Nephew, handsomely accouter'd, and with a handsome Summ of Money in his Pocket, by Sea, with Captain *Meek* of *Kircaldie*, to *London*, with Letters of Recommendation to the Earl's Favour, and just a few Days before young *Duncan* arrived in *London*, the Earl was set out on his Journey to his Seat in *Scotland*.

I had now left him for near 'Three Years, not having seen him, since about a Year after his Mother's Death; and then coming to *London*, I had by mere accident an Appointment to meet some *Scotch* Gentlemen at the *Buffalo* at *Charing-cross*. There happen'd at that Time to be a great Concourse of *Scotch* Nobility there at an Entertainment, and one of the Ladies and Gentlemen passing by and seeing one of my Friends, desir'd him to come in, and told him both he and his Companions should be very welcome to partake of the Diversion. The Lady told him they had got a lovely Youth, a *Scotch* Miracle among them, that would give us exquisite Delight, and write down to us all the Occurrences of our future Lives, and tell us our Names upon our first Appearance. The Moment I heard of it, *Duncan Campbell* came into my Head; but as it is a thing not rare to be met with in *Scotland*, for Second sighted Persons to tell such things, and as the Earl of *Argyle* was  
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in the North, I thought little *Duncan* had been under his Protection and with him, and did not dream of meeting with him there, and accordingly told my Friend, before I went in, that I believed I knew a Lad in *Scotland* would exceed this in Fore-sight, let him be as dexterous in his Art as he would.

As soon as I enter'd the Room, I was surpriz'd to find myself encompass'd and surrounded by a Circle of the most beautiful Females that ever my Eyes beheld. In the Centre of this Angelick Tribe was seated a heavenly Youth, with the most winning comeliness of Aspect, that ever pleased the Sight of any Beholder of either Sex ; his Face was divinely Fair, and ting'd only with such a sprightly Blush, as a Painter would use to Colour the Picture of Health with, and the Complexion was varnish'd over by a blooming, like that of flourishing Fruit, which had not yet felt the first Nippings of an unkind and an uncivil Air ; with this Beauty was join'd such a smiling draught of all the Features, as is the result of Pleasantry and good Humour. His Eyes were large, full of Lustre, Majestick, well set, and the Soul shone so in them, as told the Spectators plainly, how great was the inward Vivacity of his *Genius* : The Hair of his Head was thick and reclin'd far below his Shoulders ; it was of a fine Silver Colour, and hung down in Ringlets like the curling Tendrils of a copious Vine. He was by the  
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Women entertain'd, according to the Claim, which so many Perfections joining in a Youth just ripening into Manhood, might lay to the benevolent Dispositions of the tender Sex. One was holding the Bason of Water, another washing a Hand, a Third with a Towel drying his Face, which another Fair had greedily snatch'd the Pleasure of washing before, while a Forth was disposing into order his Silver Hairs with an Ivory Comb, in an Hand as White, and which a Monarch might have been proud to have had so employ'd in adjusting the Crown upon his Head ; a Fifth was setting into Order his Crevat ; a Sixth stole a Kiss, and blush'd at the innocent Pleasure, and mistook her own Thoughts as if she kiss'd the Angel and not the Man ; and they all rather seem'd to adore than to love him, as if they had taken him not for a Person that enjoy'd the frequent Gift of the Second Sight, but as if he had been some little Prophet peculiarly inspired, and while they all thus admired and wonder'd they all consulted him as an Oracle. The surprize of seeing a young Man so happy amidst the general concurring Favours of the Fair, made me be for a while lost in a kind of delightful Amazement, and the consideration of what Bliss he was possess'd, made me scarce believe my own Eyes, when they told me it was *Duncan Campbell*, who I had left an unhappy Orphan at *Edinburgh*. But so it was, though he was much

altered in Stature being now shot up pretty fast in his Growth since I had seen him, and having gain'd a kind of a fix'd Comportment, such as we may daily observe in those, who are taking leave of their Minority, and stepping into a Stage of maturer Life.

The first remarkable thing I knew him do in *London*, being in this splendid Company, where there were so many undoubted Witnesses of Quality too, that had ocular Proof of his Predictions at that publick Tavern: I chuse to Record it here in the first Place, according to its due Order. It was in the Year 1698.

Among this Angelical Class of Beauties, were Dr. *W--lw--d's* Lady and Daughter. Upon Earth there was not sure a more beautiful Creature than the Daughter was; she was the leading Light of all the sparkling Tribe; and *Otway's* Character suits her exactly; for she was *among Ten Thousand eminently Fair*. One would imagin prosperous and lucky Fortune was written upon her Face, and that nothing unhappy could be read in so fair a Book; and it was therefore the unanimous Consent of all, that, by way of good Omen to the rest, his Predictions should begin to be open'd luckily that Day, and that therefore he should first of all be consulted about her.

Accordingly the Mother to be satisfied of his Talent, before she proceeded to any other,



ther Questions, ask'd him in writing if he knew the young Lady, her Name, and who she was. After a little ruminating and pondering upon the matter, and taking an exact View of the Beauty, he wrote down her Name, told Mrs. *W--lw--d* she was her Daughter, and that her Father was a Doctor. Convinced by his so readily telling the Name and Quality of Persons he had never seen in his Life-time, that Fame had not given a false Character of his Capacity, she proceeded in her Questions as to her future Fortune. He gaz'd a fresh at her very eagerly for some time, and his Countenance during that time of viewing her seem'd to be ruffled with abundance of Disturbance and Perplexity. We all imagin'd that the Youth was a little touch'd at the Heart himself with what he saw, and that instead of telling hers, he had met in her bright Eyes with his own Destiny, the Destiny of being for ever made a Slave and a Captive, to so many powerful and almost irresistible Charms.

At length, after having a long Debate within himself, which we thought proceeded from the strugglings of Love and Passion, he fetching a great Sigh, which still convinced us more, took the Pen and wrote to Mrs. *W--lw--d*, that he beg'd to be excus'd, and that his Pen might remain as Dumb and Silent as his Tongue, on that Affair. By this Answer we concluded one and all,

that our former Conjectures were true, and we join'd in pressing him the more earnestly to deliver his real and sincere Opinion concerning the Accidents upon which the future Fortunes of her Life were to turn and depend. He shew'd many mighty Reluctances in the doing it; and I have often since considered him in the same Anguish as the late great Dr. *Ratcliff*, who was endeavouring by Study to save a certain fair One, whom he lov'd with a vehemence of Temper, and who was (as his Reason told him) got far away beyond the reach of the Art of Physick to recover. At last he wrote in plain Terms, that his backwardness and unwillingness to tell it, arose from his wishes that her Fortune would be better than his certain Foreknowledge of it told him it would be, and beg'd that we would rest satisfied with that general Answer, since it was in so particular a Case, where he himself was a well-wisher, in vain, to the Lady about whom he was consulted. The young Lady herself thinking, that, if she knew any Disasters, that were to befall her, she might by knowing the nature of them beforehand, and the time when they were likely to happen, be able by timely Prudence and Forecast to avert those Evils; with many beseechings, urg'd him to reveal the fatal Secret. After many struggles to avoid it, and as many Instances made to him, both by Mother and Daughter, for the discovery

covery of his Prescience in that Point, he comply'd with very great difficulty, and blotting the Paper with Tears that trickled fast from his Eyes, he gave her the lamentable Scroll, containing the Words that follow, *viz.* I wish it had not fallen to my Lot to tell this Lady, whom every Body, that but once looks at her, must admire, though they must not have leave to love, that she is not much longer to be possessor of that lovely Face, which gains her such a number of Adorers. The small Pox will too soon turn a Ravisher, and rifle all those Sweets and Charms that might be able to vanquish a King, and to subdue a Conqueror of mighty Battles. Her Reign is doom'd alas to be as short as it is now Great and Universal : I believe she has interval Beauties of the Mind, not the least inferior to those external Excellencies of the Body, and she might perhaps by the power of her Mind alone, be absolute Queen of the Affections of Men, if the small Pox threaten'd not too surely to be her further Enemy, and, not contented to destroy the Face, was not perversely bent to destroy the whole Woman. But I want Words to express my Sorrow,-----I would not tell it, if you did not extort the baneful Secret from my Bosom.-----This fair Creature, whose Beauty would make one wish her Immortal, will by the cruel means of the small Pox, give us too sudden a Proof of her Mortality.-----But nei-

ther the Mother nor herself ought too much too repine at this, seeing it appears to be the Decree of Providence, which is always to be interpreted, as meant for our Good, and seeing it may be the means of translating her the sooner only to her kindered Angels, whose Beauty she so much resembles here on Earth, and to be among the lowest Class, of whom is better than being the greatest Beauty of the World here below, and wearing an Imperial Crown.-----While I comfort you, I can't help the force of Nature, which makes me grieve myself, and I only give you, because you compel me to it, so particular and so exact an Answer, to so particular and so exacting a Question.

The Mother, who took the Paper, was prudent enough to conceal from the Daughter, what he said, but Nature would force its way, and bubbled from her Eyes; and the Daughter perceiving that, press'd hard to see it, and wept at the consideration that hard Fate (though she knew not particularly what way) was to befall her. Never surely was any thing so beautiful in Tears, and I obtain'd of the Mother to see the Writing.-----At last, in general Terms, to free her from a suspense of Mind, it was told her that some Trouble should happen to her that would diminish her Beauty. She had Courage enough to hear that Misfortune with disdain, and crying, if that be all, I am arm'd, I dont place much  
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Pride in that, which I know Age must shortly after destroy, if Trouble did not do it before; and she dry'd up her Tears, and (if what Mr. *Bruyere* says be true, viz. that the last thing a celebrated Woman thinks of when she dies, is the loss of her Beauty) she shew'd an admirable Pattern of female Philosophy, in bearing such a cruel Prediction with such unspeakable Magnanimity, as exceeded even the Patience of stern Stoicism, considering she was a Woman, to whom Beauty is more dear than Life.

If any Evil, that is impending over Peoples Heads, could be evaded by Fore-knowledge, or eluded by Art, she had the fairest opportunity of having this Prediction annulled (which would have been more to the satisfaction of the Predictor than knowing it verified) than ever any Woman had. Her Mother was specifically told, that the fatal Distemper should be the small Pox; her Father was, and is still, a very Eminent Physician; and Distempers of that kind, especially, are much more easily prevented, by Care, than cur'd by Art, and by Art more easily set aside, when there is a timely warning given to a Physician to prepare the Body against the danger of the Poison, than when the Distemper has once catch'd hold of a Body at unawares, when it is unpurg'd of any gross Humours that may accompany it. But neither the Fore-knowledge and Caution of the

Mother, nor the Skill and Wisdom of the great Physician her Father, were sufficient to ward off the approaching Harm, that was written in the Books of Fate. Not many Suns had finished their yearly Courses, before she was forc'd to submit to the inevitable Stroak of Death, after the infectious and malicious Malady had first ravag'd her Beauty, rioted in all her Sweets, and made an odious deform'd Spectacle of the Charmer of Mankind. The Death of the Daughter work'd hard upon the Mother's Bowels, and dragg'd her speedily after her, with a broken Heart to the Grave.

This Lady, whose Fortune so great and so distinguish'd an Assembly had chosen to hear as a happy Fore-runner and lucky Omen of all their own, which were to be ask'd afterwards in their turns, proving so contrary to their Expectations already unfortunate in the Prediction, and having been in Tears about the matter dishearten'd all the rest of the Beauties from consulting him further that Day. The Person, who kept the Tavern, by Name *Mrs. Irwin*, alledg'd that as some People were very fortunate and others unfortunate upon the same Day ; so one Lady might be before told a mishap one Minute, and another Lady all the Prosperity in Nature the very next Minute following, and therefore that what the unfortunate Lady had heard was not to be taken as Ominous, or  
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as what could Malignantly influence the Day, neither ought it to be the least hinderance to any who had the curiosity of being let into the Secrets of Time before-hand. However, whether the Ladies were convinc'd or no; if she prevail'd over their Belief in that Point, she could not prevail over their Humour, which (though they might not believe the former Prediction ominous to themselves) was naturally aw'd for fear of the like, peradventure, for a Time, and so it was agreed, *nemine Contradicente*, as a witty Lady wrote it down, that no more Petitions should for that Day be presented by any of that Company to his Dumb, yet oracular, Majesty. Mrs. *Irwin*, however, would have her way; said she did not presume to such Honour as to call herself of that Company, and that therefore she might consult him without breaking through the Votes of the Assembly. Many endeavour'd to dissuade her, but as she was passionately fond of knowing future Events; and had a mighty itch to be very inquisitive with the Oracle, about what might happen, not only to herself, but her Posterity; it was agreed that he should have the liberty of satisfying her Curiosity, since she presum'd her Fortune was sure to be so Good, and was so forward and eager for the knowledge of it. But (alafs!) such is too often the fantastical Impulse of Nature unluckily depraved, that it carries often into wishes of know-

knowing, what when known we would be glad to unknow again, and then our Memory will not let us be untaught.

Mrs. *Irwin* was at that time in a pretty commodious way of Business, every thing in Plenty round about her, and liv'd more like a Person of Distinction, that kept such a Cellar of Wine, open House, and a free Table, than like one who kept a Tavern. She brought in her Three pretty Children, that were then almost Babies, the youngest having not long been out of the Nurses Arms, or trusted to the use of its own Legs. These Children she lov'd as a Mother should love Children; they were the delight of her Eyes all Day, and the Dream of her Imagination all Night. All the Passions of her Soul were confin'd to them; she was never pleas'd but when they were so, and always angry if they were cross'd; her whole Pride was centered in them, and they were cloath'd and went attended more like the Infants of a Princess, than of a Vintner's Relict. The Fortune of these was what she had near at Heart, and of which she was so eager of being immediately apprized. Her Impatience was proportionable to the love she had for them, and which made her wish to fore-know all the Happiness that was like to attend them. She sat cheerfully down, presented one to him, and smiling wrote the Question in general Terms, *viz.* is this Boy to be Happy or Unhappy.



A melancholy Look once more spread itself all over the Face of the Predictor, when he read the too inquisitive Words, and he seem'd mightily to regret being ask'd a Question, to which he was by his Talent of fore-seeing, compell'd to give so unwelcome an Answer. The Colour of the poor Woman flush'd and vanish'd alternately, and very quick, and she look'd not quite like the Picture of Despair, but a disconsolate Woman, with little Hopes on one Hand, and great Doubts and dismal Fears on the other. She profess'd she read great Evil in the Troubles of his Face, thank'd him for his good nature, told him, that they all knew, that though he could fore-tell, he could not alter the acts and decretals of Fate, and therefore desir'd him to tell her the worst; for that the Misfortunes, were they never so great, would be less dreadful to her, than remaining in the State of Fear and Suspension. He at last wrote down to her that great and unexpected and even unavoidable Accidents would involve the whole Family in new Calamities, that the Son she ask'd him about would have the bitterest task of Hardship to go through withal, while he lived, and that to finish all more unhappily, he would be basely and maliciously brought to an untimely End, by some mortal Enemy or other, but that she should not trouble herself so much on that head, she would never see it, for it would happen some Years after she was departed

parted from the World. This melancholy Account clos'd up the Book of Predictions for that Day, and put a sad stop to all the projected Mirth and Curiosity. Now I must tell the Reader how and when the event answer'd the Prediction. And in a few Words it was thus; poor Mrs. *Irwin*, by strange Accidents decay'd in the World, and dying Poor, her Sons were forc'd to be put out Apprentices to small Trades, and the Son, whom the above-mentioned Prediction concern'd, was, for stealing one Cheese from a Man in the *Hay-market*, severely prosecuted at the *Old Bailey*, and on Wednesday the Twenty Third of *December*, 1713. hang'd at *Tyburn*, with several other Criminals.

The Two foregoing Passages are of so tragical a Nature, that it is time I should relieve the Minds of my Readers, with some Histories of Ladies, who consulted him with more Success and Advantage, to whom his Predictions were very entertaining, when they so came to pass in their Favour, the Relation whereof, will consequently be agreeable to all Readers, who have within them a mixture of happy Curiosity and good Nature.

Two Ladies, who were the most remarkable Beauties in *London*, and the most courted, turn'd at the same time their Thoughts to Matrimony, and being satiated, I may say, wearied with the Pleasure, of having continually after them a great number and variety of

of Adorers, resolv'd each, about the same time, to make a choice of their several Men, to whom, they thought, they could give most Happiness, and from whom they might receive most. Their Names (for they are both Persons of Distinction) shall be *Christallina* and *Urbana*. *Christallina* was a Virgin, and *Urbana* a young Widow. *Christallina* engross'd the Eyes, the Hearts, and the Sighs, of the whole Court, and wherever she appeared, put any Court Lady out of her Place, that had one before in the Heart of any Youth; and was the celebrated Toast among the *Beau Monde*. *Urbana's* Beauty made as terrible Havock in the City: All the Citizens Daughters, that had many Admirers, and were in fair Hopes of having Husbands, when they pleas'd themselves; as soon as *Urbana* had lost her old Husband, found that they every Day lost their Lovers, and 'twas a general fear among the prettiest Maids, that they should remain Maids still, as long as *Urbana* remain'd a Widow. She was the Monopolizer of City Affection, and made many Girls, that had large stocks of Suiters, Bankrupts in the Trade of Courtship, and broke some of their Hearts, when her Charms broke off their Amours.--- Well but the Day was near at Hand, when both the *Belles* of the Court and the City Damsels were to be freed from the ravages, which these Two Tyrants, triumphant in Beauty, and insolent in Charms, made among  
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the Harvest of Love. Each had seen her proper Man, to whom the Enjoyment of her Person was to be dedicated for Life. But it being an Affair of so lasting Importance, each had a mind to be let into the knowledge of the consequences of such a Choice, as far as possible, before they step'd into the irrevocable State of Matrimony. Both of them happen'd to take it into their Heads, that the best way to be entirely satisfied in their Curiosity, was to have recourse to the great Predictor of future Occurrences, Mr. *Duncan Campbell*, whose Fame was at that Time spread pretty largely about the Town. *Christallina* and *Urbana*, were not acquainted with each other, only by the report which Fame had made of Beauty. They came to Mr. *Campbell's* on the same Day, and both with the same resolution of keeping themselves conceal'd and under Masks, that none of the Company of Consulters, who happen'd to be there, might know who they were. It happened that on that very Day, just when they came, Mr. *Campbell's* Rooms were more than ordinarily crowded, with curious Clients of the fair Sex, so that he was oblig'd to desire these Two Ladies, who express'd so much precaution against, and fear of having their Persons discover'd, to be contented with only one Room between them, and with much ado, they comply'd with the request, and condescended to sit together *Incog*. Distant Com-



Compliments of Gesture pass'd between them, (the dress and comportment of each making them appear to be Persons of Figure and Breeding) and after Three or Four modish Curtesies down they sat, without so much as once opening their Lips, or intending so to do. The Silence between them was very formal and profound for near half an Hour, and nothing was to be heard but the snapping of Fans, which they both did very tuneably and with great Harmony, and plaid, as it were in Confort.

At last one of the *civil well bred Mutes*, happening to *Sneeze*, the other very gracefully bow'd, and before she was well aware, out popp'd the Words---Bless you Madam; the fair Sneezer return'd the Bow, with an---I thank you Madam. They found they did not know one another's Voices; and they began to talk very merrily together, with pretty great confidence, and they taking a mutual liking from Conversation, so much familiarity grew thereupon instantly between them, that they began not only to unmask, but to unbosom themselves to one another, and confess alternately all their Secrets. *Christallina* own'd who she was, and told *Urbana* the Beau and Courtier that had her Heart. *Urbana* as franckly declared that she was a Widow, that she would not become the Ladies Rival, that she had pitch'd upon a Second Husband, an Alderman of the City.

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Just by that time they had had their chat out, and wish'd one another the pleasure of a successful Prediction, it came to *Christallina's* turn to visit the Dumb Gentleman, and receive from his Pen oracular Answers, to all the Questions she had to propose. Well, he accordingly satisfied her in every Point she ask'd him about ; but while she was about this ; one of Mr. *Campbell's* Family going with *Urbana* to divert her a little : The Widow railed at the Virgin as a Fool, to imagin that she should ever make a Conquest of the brightest Spark about the Court, and then let flie some random bolts of Malice to wound her Reputation for Chastity : Now it became the Widow's turn to go and consult : And the same Person of Mr. *Campbell's* Family, in the mean time entertain'd *Christallina*. The Maid was not behind hand with the Widow ; she rail'd against the Widow, represented her as sometimes a Coquette, sometimes a Lady of Pleasure, sometimes a Jilt, and lifted up her Hands in Wonder and Amazement, that *Urbana* should imagin so rich a Man, as an Alderman, *such a one*, should fall to her Lot. Thus *Urbana* swore and protested that *Christallina* could never arrive at the Honour of being the Wife to the courtly *Secretarius*, let Mr. *Campbell* flatter her as he would ; and *Christallina* vow'd, that *Campbell* must be a downright *Wizard*, if he foretold, that such a one as *Urbana* would get Alderman *Stiff-rump*

*rump* for a Husband, provided a Thing so improbable should come to pass.

However, it seems, *Duncan* had told them their own Names and the Names of their Suiters, and told them further, how soon they were both to be married, and that too directly to their Heart's content, as they said rejoicingly to themselves, and made their mutual Gratu-  
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They went away each satisfied, that she should have her own Lover, but *Christallina* laugh'd at Mr. *Campbell* for assigning the Alderman to *Urbana*; and *Urbana* laugh'd at him for promising the Courtier to the Arms of *Christallina*.

This is a pretty good Figure of the Tempers of Two reigning Toasts, with regard to one another.

*First*, Their Curiosity made them, from resolving to be concealed, discover one another wilfully, from utter Strangers grow as familiar as old Friends in a Moment, swear one another to Secrecy, and exchange the Sentiments of their Hearts together, and from being Friends become envious of each other's enjoying a Similitude of Happiness; the Compliments made on either side Face to Face, were, upon the turning of the Back, turn'd into Reflections, Detraction, and Ridicule; each was a Self-lover and Admirer of her own Beauty and Merit, and a Despiser of the other's.

However, *Duncan Campbell*, proved at last to be in the right ; *Urbana* was wrong in her opinion of *Christallina's* want of power over *Secretarius*, and *Christallina* was as much out in her opinion, that *Urbana* would miss in her aim of obtaining *Stiff-rump* : For they both prov'd in the right of what they thought, with regard to their own dear single Persons, and were made happy according to their Expectations, just at the time foretold by Mr. *Campbell*.

*Christallina's* ill Wishes did not hinder *Urbana* from being Mistress of Alderman *Stiff-rump's* Person and Stock, nor did *Urbana's* hinder *Christallina* from shewing herself a shining Bride at the Ring in *Secretarius's* gilded Chariot, drawn by Six Prancers of the proud *Belgian* Kind, with her half dozen of Liveries, with Favours in their Hats; waiting her return at the Gate of *Hyde-park*.

Both lov'd and both envy'd, but both allow'd of Mr. *Campbell's* Fore-knowledge.

Having told you Two very sorrowful Passages, and one tolerably successful and entertaining ; I shall now relate to you another of my own knowledge, that is mix'd up with the Grievous and the Pleasant, and checquer'd, as it were, with the Shade and the Sun-shine of Fortune.

Though there are Vicissitudes in every Stage of Life under the Sun ; and not one ever ran continually on with the same series  
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of Prosperity ; yet those Conditions, which are the most liable to the signal Alterations of Fortune, are the Conditions of Merchants ; for profess Gamesters I reckon in a manner as Men of no condition of Life at all ; but what comes under the Statute of Vagabonds.

It was indeed, as the Reader would guess, a worthy and a wealthy Merchant, who was to run through these different Circumstances of Being. He came and visited our Mr. *Campbell*, in the Year, 1707. he found him amidst a Croud of Consulters ; and being very eager and solicitous to know his own Fortune, just at that critical juncture of time, he begg'd of him (if possible) to adjourn his other Clients to the Day following, and sacrifice that one wholly to his use ; which as it was probably more important than all the others together, so he wrote down that he would render the time spent about it more advantagious to Mr. *Campbell* ; and, by way of previous Encouragement, threw him down Ten Guineas as a retaining Fee.

Mr. *Campbell*, who held Money in very little esteem, and valued it so much too little, that he has often had my Reprehensions on that head, paused a little, and after looking earnestly in the Gentleman's Face, and reading there, as I suppose, in that little space of time in general, according to the power of the Second Sight, that what concern'd him was highly momentous, wrote him this An-

swer, that he would comply with his requests, adjourn his other Clients to the Day following, and set apart all the remnant of that, till Night, for inspecting the future Occurrences, of which he had a mind to be made a Master.

There is certainly a very keen Appetite in Curiosity: It cannot stay for satisfaction; it is pressing for its necessary repast, and is without all patience: Hunger and Thirst are not Appetites more vehement and more hard and difficult to be repress'd, than that of Curiosity: Nothing but the *present Now* is able to allay it. A more expressive Picture of this I never beheld, than in the Faces of some, and the murmurs and complaints of others, in that little inquisitive Company, when the unwelcome Note was given about signifying an Adjournment, for only Twenty Four Hours.

The Colour of a young Woman there, came and went a Hundred times (if possible) in the space of Two Minutes; she blush'd like a red Rose this Moment, and in the switch of an Eye-lash she was all over as pale as a white one: The Suiter, whose Name, her Heart had gone pit a pat for the space of an Hour, to be inform'd of from the Pen of a Seer, was now deferr'd a whole Day longer; she was once or twice within an ace of swooning away; but he comforted her in particular, by telling her (though he said it only by way of  
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jest) that the Day following would be a more lucky Day to consult about Husbands, than the present, that she came on. The Answer was a kind of Cordial to her hopes, and brought her a little better to herself.

Two others, (I remember) Sisters and old Maids, that it seems were Misers, Women ordinarily drest, and in blue Aprons, and yet by relation worth no less than Two Thousand Pounds each, were in a peck of Troubles about his going and leaving them unsatisfied. They came upon an enquiry after Goods that were stolen, and they complained that by next Morning at that time, the Thief might be got far enough off, and creep into so remote a corner, that he would put it beyond the power of the Devil, and the art of Conjurat-ion to find him out, and bring him back again. The disturbance and anxiety that was to be seen in their Countenances, was just like that, which is to be beheld in the Face of a great losing Gamester, when his all, his last great Stake, lies upon the Table, and is just sweeping off by another winning Hand into his own Hat.

The next was a Widow, who bounc'd, because, as she pretended, he would not tell her what was best to do with her Sons, and what Profession it would be most happy for them to be put to; but in reality all the Cause of the Widow's fuming and fretting, was, not that she wanted to provide for her

Sons, but for herself; she wanted a Second Husband, and was not half so solicitous about being put in a way of educating those Children she had already, as of knowing when she should be in a likelyhood of getting more. This was certainly in her Thoughts, or else she would never have flounc'd about in her Weed, from one end of the Room to the other, and all the while of her Passion smile by Fits upon the Merchant, and leer upon a young pretty *Irish* Fellow that was there. The young *Irish-man* made use of a little Eye-language: She grew appeas'd, went away in quite a good humour, skutled too airily down Stairs, for a Woman in her cloaths, and the reason was certainly that she knew the matter before, which we took notice of presently after: The *Irish-man* went precipitately after her down Stairs without taking his leave.

But neither were the Two Misers for their Gold, the Virgin for a first Husband, nor the Widow for a Second, half so eager, as another married Woman there, was for the death of her Spouse. She had put the Question in so expecting a manner for a lucky Answer, and with so much keen desire appearing plainly in her looks; that no big belly'd Woman was ever more eager for devouring Fruit; no young hasty Bridegroom, just married to a Beauty, more impatient for Night and Enjoyment, than she was to know, what she thought a more happy Moment, the Moment  
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of her Husband's last agonizing Gasp. As her Expectation was the greatest, so was her Disappointment too, and consequently her Disorder upon his going and leaving her unresolv'd. She was frantick, raging and implacable; she was in such a Fury at the delay of putting off her Answer to the Day following, that in her fury, she acted as if she would have given herself an Answer, which of the Two should die first, by choaking herself upon the spot, with the Indignation that swell'd in her Stomach, and rose into her Throat on that occasion. It may look like a Romance to say it; but indeed they were forc'd to cut her Lace, and then she threw out of the Room with great Passion.-----But yet had so much of the enraged Wife left, (beyond the enrag'd Woman) as to return instantly up Stairs, and signify very calmly, she would be certain to be there next Day, and beseech'd earnestly that she might not meet with a Second Disappointment.

All this hurry and bustle created a stay, a little too tedious for the Merchant, who began to be impatient himself, especially when Word was brought up, that a fresh Company was come in: But Mr. *Campbell* was deny'd to them; and to put a stop to any more Interruptions, the Merchant and the dumb Gentleman agreed to slip into a Coach, drive to a Tavern in the City, and settle matters of Futurity over a Bottle of *French Claret*.

The first Thing done at the Tavern, was Mr. *Campbell's* saluting him upon a piece of Paper by his Name, and drinking his Health. The next Paper held a Discourse of condolence for a Disaster that was past long since, namely a great and considerable loss that happen'd to his Family, in the dreadful Conflagration of the City of *London*. In the Third little Dialogue which they had together, he told the Merchant that Losses and Advantages were general Topicks, which a Person unskill'd in that Art might venture to assign to any Man of his Profession ; it being next to impossible that Persons who traffick should not sometimes gain, and sometimes lose.----- But said Mr. *Duncan Campbell* I will sketch out particularly, and specify to you some future Misfortunes, with which you will unavoidably meet : 'Tis in your Stars, it is in Destiny that you should have some Trials, and therefore when you are forewarn'd take a prudent care to be fore-arm'd with Patience, and by longanimity, and meekly, and resignedly, enduring your Lot, render it more easy, since Impatience can't avert it, and will only render it more burthenfome and heavy. He gave these Words to the Merchant ; who press'd for his Opinion that Moment. By your leave (resuming the Pen said the Dumb Gentleman in writing ) we will have this Bottle out first and tap a fresh one, that you may be warm'd with Courage enough to receive

ceive the first Speculative onsett of ill fortune, that I shall predict to you, with a good grace, and that may perhaps enable you to meet it, when it comes to reduce it self into action, with a manful Purpose and all becoming Resolution. The Merchant agreed to the Proposal, and put on an Air of the careless and indifferent as well as he could, to signify that he had no need to raise up an artificial Courage from the auxiliary forces of the Grape. But Nature, when hard press'd, will break thro' all disguises, and not only notwithstanding the Air of Pleasantry he gave himself, which appear'd forced and constrain'd, but in spite of Two or Three sparkling and enlivening Bumpers, a Cloud of Care would ever and anon gather and shoot heavily cross his Brow, tho' he labour'd all he could to dispel it as quickly, and to keep fair Weather in his Countenance. Well, they had crack'd the first Bottle and the Second succeeded upon the Table, and they call'd to blow a Pipe together. This Pipe Mr. *Campbell* found had a very ill Effect: It is certainly a pensive kind of Instrument; and fills a Mind any thing so disposed with disturbing thoughts, black fumes, and melancholy vapours, as certainly as it doth the Mouth with smoke. It plainly took away even the little Sparks of Vivacity, which the Wine had given before; so he wrote for a truce of firing those sort of noxious Guns any longer, and they laid down their Arms by consent, and drank

drank off the Second Bottle. A Third immediately supply'd its place, and at the first Glass the opening of the Bottle, Mr. *Campbell* began to open to him his future case, in the following Words. Sir, you have now some Ventures at Sea from such and such a Place to such a value. Don't be discomforted at the News which you certainly will have within three Months, (but 'twill be false at last) that they are by three different Tempests made the Prey of the great Ocean, and enrich the Bottom of the Sea, the Palace of *Neptune*. A worse Storm than all these attends you at home, a Wife who is and will be more the Tempest of the House wherein she lives. The high and lofty Winds of her Vanity will blow down the Pillars of your House and Family; the High-tide of her Extravagance will roll on like a resistless Torrent and leave you at low Water, and the Ebb of all your Fortunes. This is the Highest and the most cutting Disaster that is to befall you; your real Shipwreck is not foreign but domestick; your bosom Friend is to be your greatest Foe, and even your powerful Undoer for a time; mark what I say, and take Courage, it shall be but for a time, provided you take Courage; it will upon that condition be only a short and wholesome taste of Adversity given to you, that you may relish returning Prosperity with Virtue, and with a greater Return of thanks to him, that dispenses it at pleasure to Mankind.



kind. Remember Courage and Resignation is what I advise you to ; use it (as becomes you) in your Adversity, and believe that as I foretold that Adversity, so I can foretel a Prosperity will again be the consequence of those Virtues ; and the more you feel the one, ought not to cast you down, but raise your hopes the more, that he who foretold you that so exactly, could likewise foretel you the other. The Merchant was by this put into a great suspense of Mind, but somewhat easier, by the Second Prediction being annex'd so kindly to the first fatal one. They crown'd the Night with a flask of *Burgundy*, and then parting, each went to their respective Homes.

The Reader may perchance wonder how I, who make no mention of my being there, (as in Truth I was not at the Tavern) should be able to relate this as of my own knowledge ; but if he pleases to have patience to the end of the Story, he will have entire satisfaction in that Point.

About half a Year after, the Merchant came again, told him that his Prediction was too far verif'y'd, to his very dear cost, and that he was now utterly undone, and beyond any visible means of a future recovery, and doubting least the other fortunate Part of the Prediction was only told him by way of Encouragement, (for groundless Doubts and Fears always attend a Mind implung'd in Melancholy) besought him very earnestly to tell him

him candidly and sincerely, if there was no real Prospect of Good, and rid him at once of the Uneasiness of such a Suspension of Thought; but pray too, said he, with all the vehemence of repeated Expostulation, satisfy me, if there are any further hopes on this side the Grave?

To this *Duncan Campbell* made a short, but a very significant reply in writing. May the Heaven's preserve you from a threat'ning danger of Life. Take care only of yourself, great and mighty care, and if you outlive Friday next, you will yet be great and more fortunate, than ever you was in all the height of your former most flourishing space of Life. He colour'd inordinately when *Duncan Campbell* said Friday, and conjur'd him to tell him as particularly as he could what he meant by Friday. He told him he could not particularize any further, but that great Danger threaten'd him that Day; and that without extraordinary Precaution, it would prove fatal to him, even to death. He shook his Head, and went away in a very sorrowful Plight. Friday past, Saturday came, and on that very Saturday Morning came likewise the joyful Tidings that, what Ventures of his were given over for lost, at Sea, were all come safe into the Harbour. He came the Moment he receiv'd those dispatches from his Agent, to Mr. *Duncan Campbell's* Apartment, embrac'd him tenderly, and saluted him with  
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much gladness of Heart, before a great Room full of Ladies, where I happen'd to be present at that time; crying out in a loud Voice, before he knew what he said, that Mr. *Campbell* had sav'd his Life, that Friday was his Birth-day, and he had intended with a Pistol to shoot himself that very Day. The Ladies thought him mad; and he, recover'd from his Extacy, said no more, but sat down, till Mr. *Campbell* dismiss'd all his Clients; and then we Three went to the Tavern together, where he told me the whole little History or Narrative, just as is above related.

The Fame which Mr. *Duncan Campbell* got by the foregoing, and several other Predictions of the like kind, was become very large and extensive, and had spread itself into the remotest Corners of this Metropolis. The Squares rung with it, it was whisper'd from one House to another, through the more magnificent Streets, where Persons of Quality and Distinction reside; it catch'd every House in the City, like the News of Stock from *Exchange-alley*, it run noisily through the Lanes and little Thorough-fares where the poor inhabit; it was the Chat of the Tea-table, and the Babble of the Streets, and the whole Town, from the top to the bottom, was full of it. Whenever any Reputation rises to a degree like this, let it be for what Art or Accomplishment or on what account soever it will, Malice, Envy and Detraction, are sure  
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to be the immediate Pursuers of it with full Mouth, and to hunt it down, if possible, with full Cry. Even the great *Nostra-damus*, tho' favour'd by Kings and Queens, (which always without any other reason creates Enemies) was not more pursued by Envy and Detraction for his Predictions in *Paris* and throughout *France*, than our *Duncan Campbell* was in *London*, and even throughout *England*. Various, different, and many were the Objections rais'd to blot his Character and extenuate his Fame, that, when one was confuted, another might not be wanting to supply its place, and so to maintain a course and series of back-biting, according to the known Maxim.----*Throw dirt, and if it does not stick, throw dirt continually, and some will stick.*

Neither is there any wonder ; for a Man, that has got Applauders of all sorts and conditions, must expect Condemners and Detractors of all sorts and conditions likewise. If a Lady of high Degree, for example, should say smiling, (though really thinking absolutely what she says) for fear of being thought over-credulous :---Well, I vow, some things *Mr. Campbell* does are surprizing after all ; they would be apt to incline one to a belief, that he is a wonder of a Man, for one would imagin the things he does impossible ;---why then a Prude with an assumed supercilious Air, and a scornful *Tinée*, would in order to seem more wise than she was, reply ; Laud,  
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Madam, 'tis more a wonder to me that you can be imposed upon so.----I vow to Gad, Madam, I would assoon consult an Almanack-maker, and pin my Faith upon what he pricks down ; or believe, like my Creed, in the cross which I make upon the Hand of a *Gypsie*.-----Lard, Madam, I assure your La'ship he knows no more than I do of you.----I assure you so, and therefore believe me.----He has it all by hear-say.---If the Lady that believ'd it, should reply, that if he had notice of every Stranger by hear-say, he must be a greater Man than she suspected, and must keep more Spies in pay, than a Prime Minister. The *Prude's* Answer would be with a *loud Laugh* and giggling out these Words.----Lard, Madam, I assure you nothing can be more easy ; and so take it for granted. Because she was inclin'd to say so, and had the act of Wisdom on her side, forsooth, that she appear'd hard of belief, (which some call hard to be put upon) and the other Lady credulous, (which some though believing upon good grounds are call'd) and so thought foolish ; the *Prude's* Answer would be thought sufficient and convincing.

Thus Malice and Folly, by dint of Noise and Impudence, and strong though empty Assertions, often run down Modesty and good Sense. Among the common People it is the same, but only done in a different manner. For Example, an ordinary Person that had  
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consulted, might say (as he walk'd along) There goes the dumb Gentleman, who writes down any Name of a Stranger at first Sight. Steps up a blunt Fellow, that takes Stubbornness for Sense, and says----that is a confounded Lye; he is a Cheat and an Impostor, and you are one of his Accomplices. He'll tell me my Name, I suppose, if you tell it him first. He is no more dumb than I am; he can speak and hear as well as us, I have been with those that say they have heard him; I wish I and Two or Three more had him in our Stable, and I warrant you with our Cart-whips we would lick some Words out of his Chops, as dumb as you call him.--- I tell you 'tis all a Lye and all a Bite.---If the other desires to be convinc'd for himself by his own Experience.----- The rougher Rogue, who perhaps has stronger Sinews than t'other, answers, if you lye any further, I will knock you down, and so he is the vulgar Wit, and the Mouth of the Rabble-rout, and thus the Detraction spreads below with very good success, as it does above in another kind.

As there are Two comical Adventures in his Life, which directly suit and correspond with the foregoing Reflections, this seems the most proper Place to insert them in. The first consists of a kind of Mobb-way of Usage he met with from a Fellow, who got to be an Officer in the Army, but by the following Behaviour will be found unworthy of the Name, and the Commission. In

In the Year 1701, a Lady of good Quality came and address'd herself to him much after the following manner. She told him she had Choice of Lovers, but preferr'd one above the rest ; but desir'd to know his Name, and if she made him her Choice, what would be the subsequent Fate of such a Matrimony. Mr. *Duncan Campbell* very readily gave her down in writing, this plain and honest Reply ; that of all her Suiters, she was most inclin'd to a Captain, a distinguish'd Officer, and a great Beau, (naming his Name) and one that had a great many outward engaging Charms, sufficient to blind the Eyes of any Lady that was not thoroughly acquainted with his Manner of living. He therefore assured her, (and thought himself bound, being conjured, so to do, having received his Fee, though there was Danger in such plain and open Predictions,) that he was a Villain and a Rogue in his Heart, a profligate Gamester, and that if she took him to her Bed, she would only embrace her own Ruin. The Lady's Woman, who was present, being in Fee with the Captain, resolving to give Intelligence, for fear the Officer her so good Friend should be disappointed in the Siege ; slyly shuffled the Papers into her Pocket, and made a Present of them to the military Spark. Fir'd with Indignation at the Contents, he vow'd Revenge ; and in order to compass it, conspires with his female Spy about the Means.

In fine, for fear of losing the Lady though he quarrel'd with *Duncan Campbell*, a Method was to be found out how to secure her by the very Act of Revenge. At last it was resolv'd to discover to her, that he had found out what she had been told by Mr. *Campbell*, but the Way how he had been inform'd was to remain a Secret. He did do so and ended his Discovery with these Words: I desire, Madam, that if I prove him an Impostor, you would not believe a Word he says.----The Lady agreed to so fair a Proposal.----Then the Captain swore that he himself would never eat a Piece of Bread more till he had made Mr. *Campbell* eat his Words; nay he insisted upon it, that he would bring him to his Tongue, and make him own by Word of Mouth, that what he had written before was false and calumnious. To which the Lady answer'd again, that, if he perform'd what he said, she would be convinced. This brave military Man, however, not relying upon his own single Valour and Prowess, to bring about so miraculous a thing as the making a Person, that was dumb, to speak: He took with him for this End three lusty Assistants to combine with him in the Assassination. The Ambuscade was settled to be at the Five Bells Tavern in *Witch-street* in the Strand. After the Ambush was settled with so much false Courage, the Business of decoying Mr. *Campbell* into it, was not practicable any other way, than



than by sending out false Colours. The Lady's Woman, who was by her own Interest tied fast to the Interest of the Beau, was to play the trick of *Dalila*, and betray this deaf and dumb *Sampson* (as he will appear to be a kind of one in the sequel of the Story) into the Hands of these *Philistines*. She smooths her Face over with a complimenting Lye from her Mistress to Mr. *Campbell*; and acted her Part of Deceit so well that he promis'd to follow her to the Five Bells with all haste; and so she skuttled back to prepare the Captain, and to tell him how lucky she was in Mischief; and how she drew him out by Smiles into Perdition. The short of the Story is, when they got him in among them, they endeavour'd to assassinate him; but they miss'd of their Aim; yet 'tis certain they left him in a very terrible and bloody Condition; and the Captain went away in as bad a Plight as the Person was left in, whom he assaulted so cowardly with Numbers, and to such Disadvantage. I was sent for to him upon this Disaster, and the Story was deliver'd to me thus, by one of the Drawers of the Tavern, when I inquir'd into it. They began to banter him, and speaking to him as if he heard, ask'd him if he knew his own Fortune; they told him it was to be beaten to Death. This was an odd way of addressing a deaf and dumb Man. They added they would make him speak before they had done. The Boy

seeing he made no Reply, but only smiled ; thought what pass'd between them was a Jest, with an old Acquaintance, and withdrew about his Business. The Door being fasten'd, however, before they began the honourable Attack they vouchsafed to write down their Intent, in the Words above-mentioned which they had uttered before, to make sure that he should understand their meaning, and what this odd way of Correction was for. All the while the Maid, who had brought him into it, was peeping through a Hole, and watching the Event, as appears afterwards. Mr. *Campbell* wrote them the following Answer, viz. that he hop'd for fair Play ; that he understood *Bear-garden* as well as they ; but if a Gentleman was amongst them, he would expect gentlemanly Usage. The Rejoinder they made to this, consisted it seems not of Words but of Action. The Officer in Conjunction with another Russian, one of the strongest of the Three he had brought, commenced the Assault. As good luck would have it, he warded off their first Blows (it seems) with tolerable Success, and a Wine-quart-pot standing upon the Table, *Duncan* took to his Arms, and at Two or Three quick Blows, well manag'd, and close laid in upon the Assailants, fell'd them both to the Ground. Here it was that the Maid discover'd her Knowledge of it, and Privy to the Plot, to the whole House ; for she no sooner sees the famous

famous Leader, the valiant Captain, lie sprawling on the Floor with bleeding Temples, but she shriek'd out, with all the Voice she could exert, Murder, Murder, Murder! Alarm'd at this Out-cry, the Master and all the Attendants of the Tavern scamper'd up Stairs, burst into the Room, and found *Duncan Campbell* struggling with the other Two, and the Quart-pot still fast clench'd in his Hand, which they were endeavouring to wrench from him. The Drawers rescu'd him out of their Hands, and inquir'd into the Matter. The Maid in a fright confess'd the whole Thing. The Officer and his Associate rub'd their Eyes as recovering from a stunning Sleep, reel'd as they went to rise, paid the Reckoning, and slunk pitifully away, (or as the Rakes Term for it is,) they brush'd off, and for all their Odds had the worst of the Lay. I who had some Authority with Mr. *Campbell*, by reason of my Years, and the strict Acquaintance I had with his Mother, when I came and found him in that pickle, and had the whole Relation told me by the People of the House, though I could not forbear pitying him within my own Mind, took upon me to reprehend him, and told him that these Hardships would by Providence be daily permitted to fall upon him (for he met with them Twenty Times) while he continued in that irregular way of Living and spending his Time, that might be so precious to himself

and many others, in Drunkenness and Debauchery; and I think the Lessons I wrote down to him upon that Head, though a little severe just at that juncture, were notwithstanding well tim'd, and did, as I guess'd they would, make a more solid Impression in him than at any other. In all these Scuffles (whether it is that being deaf and dumb an Affront works deeper upon a Man, and so renders him far more fierce or resolute) it must be said, that, though Nature has been kind in making him very Strong, Robust, and Active with all, yet he has bore some Shocks, one would imagin beyond the Strength of a Man, having sometimes got the better of Five or Six Russians in Rencounters of the like kind.

The next Banter he met with was in a gentler way, from an unbelieving Lady, and yet she came off with very ill success, and the Banter turn'd all upon herself in the End.

A Lady of Distinction (whose Name shall therefore be conceal'd in this Place) came with Two or Three of her special Friends, who took her for the most merry innocent spotless Virgin upon Earth, and whose Modesty was never suspected in the least by her Relations or Servants that were nearest about her; after having rally'd Mr. *Campbell* with several frivolous Questions, doubting his Capacity, and vexing and teasing him with gay Impertinences beyond all Patience, was  
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by him told, that he did not take Fees in his Profession to be made a Jest of like a common Fortune-teller, but to do real Good to those who consulted him, as far as he was able by his Predictions; that he was treated with more Respect by Persons of a higher Condition, though her own was very good, and so offer'd her Guinea back again with a Bow and a Smile. She had a little more Generosity of Spirit than not to be a little nettled at the Proffer she had caus'd by so coarse an Usage. She affected appearing grave a little, and told him she would be serious for the future, and ask'd him to set down her Name, which she had neglected before, to ask other Questions that were nothing to the purpose. He promis'd to write it down, but pausing a little longer than ordinary about it, she return'd to her former way of uncivil Merriment and ungallant Raillery. She repeated to him in Three or Four little scraps of Paper one after another as fast as she could write them, the same Words, *viz.*-----That he could not tell her Name, nor whether she was Maid, Wife, or Widow ; and laugh'd as if she would split her Sides, triumphing to the rest of her Companions, over his Ignorance and her own Wit, as if she had pos'd him and put him to an entire Stand. But see what this over-weening Opinion of Security ended in : The Man of the Second Sight, was not to be so easily baffled. Vex'd at being so disturb'd, and co-

ming out of his brown Study, he reaches the Paper and begins to write.----Now it was the Lady's turn to suffer, she had deserv'd hearty Punishment, and it came into her Hands with the Note, to a degree of Severity ; (as you will perceive by the Contents of it just now.) ----She read it, and swooning away, drop'd from her Chair. The whole Room being in a bustle, I that was in the outward Chamber ran in : While Mr. *Campbell* was sprinkling Water in her Face, a Lady snatch'd up the Note to read it, at which he seem'd mightily displeas'd ; I therefore who understood his Signs recover'd it out of her Hands by Stratagem, and ran to burn it, which I did so quick, that I was not discover'd in the Curiosity, which I must own I satisfied myself in, by reading it first ; a Curiosity rais'd too high, by so particular an Adventure, to be overcome in so little a Time of Thought, as I was to keep it in my Hands, and so I came by the knowledge of it myself, without being inform'd by Mr. *Campbell*. This shews how a sudden Curiosity, when there is not Time given to think and correct it, may overcome a Man as well as a Woman ; for I was never over-curious in my Life, and though I was pleas'd with the Oddness of the Adventure, I often blush'd to myself since for the unmanly Weakness, of not being able to step with a Note, from one Room to another, to the Fireside, without peeping into the Contents of it.

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The Contents of it were these. Madam, since you provoke me, your Name is ——— You are no Widow, you are no Wife, and yet you are no Maid; you have a Child at Nurse at such a Place, by such a Gentleman, and you were brought to Bed in *Leicestershire*. The Lady convinc'd by this Answer, of his strange and mystical Power, and pleas'd with his Civility, in endeavouring to conceal from others the Secret, after so many repeated Provocations, though she shew'd great Disorder for that Day, became one of his constant Attenders some time after, and would not take any Step in her Affairs, without his Advice, which she often has said since, she found very much to her Advantage. She was as serious in her dealings with him afterwards, and improv'd by being so, as she was gay and turbulent with him before, and smarted for it. In fine, she was a thorough Convert, and a Votary of his; and the only Jest she us'd afterwards to make, concerning him, was a civil Witticism to his Wife; to whom she was wont, every now and then, smiling, to address herself, after this manner. Your Husband, Madam, is a Devil, but he is a very handsome, and a very civil one.

Not long after this came another Lady, with a like intent, to impose upon him, and was resolv'd (as she own'd) to have laugh'd him to scorn, if she had succeeded in her Attempt. She had very dexterously dress'd her  
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self in her Woman's Habit, and her Woman in her own ; her Footman *squired* the new made Lady in a very gentlemanly Dress hir'd, for that purpose of a disguise, from *Monmouth-street*. The strange and unknown Masqueraders enter'd Mr. *Campbell's* Room with much Art. The Fellow was by Nature of a clean Make, and had a good Look, and from following a genteel Master, when he was young, copy'd his Gait a little, and had some Appearance of a Mien, and a tolerable good Air about him. But this being the first time of his being so fine, and he a little vain in his Temper, he over-acted his Part ; he strutted too much ; he was as fond of his Ruffles, his Watch, his Sword, his Cane, and his Snuff-box, as a Boy of being newly put into Breeches ; and view'd 'em all too often to be thought the Possessor of any such things long. The Affectation of the Chamber-maid was insufferable ; She had the Toss of the Head, the Jut of the Bum, the side-long Leer of the Eye, the imperious Look upon her Lady, now degraded into her Woman, that she was intolerable, and a Person without the Gift of the Second Sight, would have guess'd her to have been a pragmatical Upstart, tho' 'tis very probable, that during that time, she fancy'd herself really better than her Mistress : The Mistress acted her Part of Maid the best, for it is easier for genteel Modesty to act a low Part, than for affected Vanity to act a high one. She kept



kept her distance like a Servant, but would, to disguise things the better, be every now and then pert, according to their Way, and give Occasion to be chid. But there is an Air of Gentility in-born and in-bred to some People, and even when they aim to be awkward, a certain Grace will attend all their minutest Actions and Gestures, and command Love, Respect, and Veneration. I must therefore own, that there was not need of a Man's being a Conjurer, to guess who ought to be the Lady, and who the Maid; but to know who absolutely was the Lady, and who was the Maid, did require that Skill. For how many such real Ladies have we, that are made so from such Upstarts, and how many genteel waiting Women of great Descent, that are born with a Grace about them, and are bred to good Manners. Mr. *Campbell's* Art made him positive in the Case; he took the Patches from the Face of the Maid, and plac'd them on the Mistrisses; he pull'd off her Hood and Scarf and gave it the Lady, and taking from the Lady her Ridinghood, gave it the Maid in exchange; for Ladies at that time of Day were not enter'd into that Fashion of cloaking themselves. Then he wrote down that he should go out, and ought to send his Maid in to undress them quite, and give the Mistriss her own Cloaths and the Maid hers, and with a Smile wrote down both their Names and commended her contrivance; but  
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after that, it was remark'd by the Lady, that he pay'd her less Respect than she expected, and more to her Footman, who was in Gentleman's Habit, whom he took by his Side, and told a great many fine things; whereas he would tell the Lady nothing further. The Lady nettled at this, wrote to him that she had Vanity enough to believe that she might be distinguish'd from her Maid in any Dress; but that he had shown his want of Skill in not knowing who that Gentleman was. Mr. *Campbell* told her her mistake in sharp Terms; and begging her pardon assured her he knew several Chamber-maids as genteel and as well-born as her, and many Mistresses more awkward and worse-born than her Maid; that he did not go therefore by the Rule of guess and judging what ought to be, but by the Rule of Certainty, and the Knowledge of what actually was. She however unsatisfy'd with that Answer perplex'd him mightily to know, who the Man was. He answer'd he would be a great Man.-----The Lady laugh'd scornfully, and said she wanted to know who he was, not what he would be.-----He answer'd again.-----He was her Footman, but that she would have a worse.-----She grew warm and desired to be inform'd, why, since he knew the Fellow's Condition, he respected her so little and him so much; and accused him of want of practising Manners, if he had not want of Knowledge. He answer'd, Ma-  
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dam, since you will be asking Questions too far.-----This Footman will advance himself to the Degree of a Gentleman, and have a Woman of Distinction to his Wife; while you will degrade yourself by a Marriage to be the Wife of a Footman. His Ambition is laudable, your Condescension mean, therefore I give him the Preference, I have given you fair warning and wholesome advice, you may avoid your Lot by Prudence; but his will certainly be what I tell you.

This coming afterwards to pass, exactly as was predicted, and his disappointing so many that had a mind to impose upon him, has render'd him pretty free from such wily Contrivances since, though now and then they have happen'd, but still to the mortification and disappointment of the Contrivers. But as we have not pretended to say, with regard to these things, that he has his *Genius* always at his Elbow or his Beck, to whisper in his Ear the Names of Persons, and such little constant Events as these; so, that we may not be deemed to give a fabulous Account of his Life and Adventures, we think ourselves bound to give the Reader an insight, into the particular Power and Capacity which he has, for bringing about these particular Performances, especially that of writing down Names of Strangers at first Sight, which I don't doubt will be done to the satisfaction of all  
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Persons, who shall read the succeeding Chapter, concerning the Gift of the Second Sight.

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## CHAP. VII.

### *Concerning the Second Sight.*

**M**R. *Martin* lately publish'd a Book, intituled, *A Description of the Western Isles of Scotland, called by the Ancient Geographers Hebrides*. It contains many curious Particulars, relating to the natural and civil History of those *Islands*, with a Map of them; and in his Preface he tells us, that perhaps it's *Peculiar* to those *Isles*, that they have never been described, till now, by any Man, that was a Native of the Country, or had travell'd them as himself has done; and in the Conclusion of the said Preface, he tells us, he has given here such an Account of the *Second Sight*, as the *nature* of the *thing* will bear, which has always been reckon'd *sufficient* among the *unbias'd* Part of Mankind; but for those, that will *not* be *satisfy'd*, they ought to oblige us with a *new Scheme*, by which we may judge of *Matters of Fact*. The *chief Particulars* he has given us concerning the *Second Sight*, are here set down, by way of Abstract or Epitome, that they may not be too tedious to the Reader.



1. In the Second Sight the *Vision* makes such a *lively Impression* on the *Seers*, that they neither *see* nor *think* of *any thing else*, but the *Vision*, as long as it continues. And then they appear *Pensive* or *Jovial*, according to the *Object*, which was presented to them.

2. At the Sight of a *Vision*, the *Eye-lids* of the *Person* are erected, and the *Eyes* continue staring till the *Object* vanish, as has often been observ'd by the *Author* and others present.

3. There is one in *Skye*, an Acquaintance of whom observ'd, that when he sees a *Vision*, the inner Part of his *Eylids* turns so far upwards, that, after the *Object* disappears, he must draw them down with his *Fingers*, and sometimes employs others to draw them down, which he finds to be much the easier way.

4. The Faculty of the *Second Sight* does not lineally descend in a *Family*, as some imagine; for he knows several *Parents* that are endow'd with it, but not their *Children*; and so on the contrary: Neither is it acquir'd by any previous *Compact*; and after a strict Enquiry, he could never learn from any among them, that this Faculty was communicable any way whatsoever.

*Note*, That this Account is differing from the Account that is given by Mr. *Aubrey*, a Gentleman of the *Royal Society*; and I think Mr. *Martin's* Reason here against the Descent of  
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of this Faculty from Parents to Children, is not generally conclusive. For tho' he may know Parents endow'd with it, and not Children; and so *vice versâ*; yet there may be Parents, who are endow'd with it, being qualify'd as Mr. *Aubrey* has said, (*viz.* both being Second Sighted, or even *one* to an *extraordinary* Degree) whose Children may have it by descent. And as to this Faculty's being any otherways communicable (since the Accounts differ) I must leave it to a further Examination.

5. The *Seer* knows neither the Object, Time nor Place of a Vision before it appears, and the same Object is often seen by different Persons, living at a considerable distance from one another. The true Way of judging as to the Time and Circumstance of an Object, is by Observation; for several Persons of Judgment without this Faculty, are more capable to judge of the Design of a Vision, than a Novice that is a *Seer*. As an Object appears in the Day or Night, it will come to pass sooner or later accordingly.

6. If an Object be seen early in the Morning (which is not frequent) it will be accomplish'd in a few Hours afterwards: If at Noon, it will commonly be accomplish'd that very Day: If in the Evening, perhaps that Night; if after Candles be lighted, it will be accomplish'd that Night: It's later always in Accomplishment, by Weeks, Months, and sometimes

times Years, according to the Time of the Night the Vision is seen.

7. When a Shroud is perceiv'd about one, it's a sure Prognostick of Death; the Time is judg'd according to the Height of it about the Person; for if it be not seen above the Middle, Death is not to be expected for the space of a Year, and perhaps some Months longer; and as it is frequently seen to ascend higher towards the Head, Death is concluded to be at hand in a few Days, if not Hours, as daily Experience confirms. Examples of this kind were shown the Author, when the Persons, of whom the Observations were made, enjoy'd perfect Health.

There was one Instance lately of a Prediction of this kind, by a *Seer* that was a Novice, concerning the Death of one of the Author's Acquaintance; this was communicated to a few only, and with great Confidence: The Author being one of the Number, did not in the least regard it, till the Death of the Person, about the Time foretold, confirm'd to him the certainty of the Prediction. The forefaid *Novice* is now a *skilful Seer*, as appears from many late Instances: He lives in the Parish of St. Mary's, the most Northern in *Skye*.

8. If a Woman be seen standing at a Man's left Hand, it's a Presage that she will be his Wife, whether they are married to others, or unmarried, at the Time of the Apparition.

If Two or Three Women are seen at once, standing near a Man's left Hand, she that is next him will undoubtedly be his Wife first, and so on, whether all Three, or the Man, be single, or married, at the Time of the Vision; of which there are several late Instances of the Author's Acquaintance. It's an ordinary thing for them to see a Man, that is to come to the House shortly after; and tho' he be not of the *Seers* Acquaintance, yet he not only tells his Name, but gives such a lively Description of his Stature, Complexion, Habit, &c. that upon his Arrival he answers the Character given of him in all respects. If the Person so appearing be one of the *Seer's* Acquaintance, he can tell by his Countenance whether he comes in good or bad Humour. The Author has been seen thus, by *Seers* of both Sexes, at some Hundreds of Miles Distance: Some that saw him in this manner, had never seen him personally, and it happen'd according to their Visions, without any previous Design of his to go to those Places, his coming there being purely accidental; and in the Nineteenth Page of his Book, he tells us, that Mr. *Daniel Morrison* a Minister, told him, that upon his landing in the Island *Rona*, the Natives receiv'd him very affectionately, and address'd themselves to him with this Salutation: God save you Pilgrim! You are heartily welcome here, for we have had repeated Apparitions of your Person amongst us;



us; viz. after the manner of the *Second Sight*.

9. It's ordinary with them to see Houses, Gardens, and Trees, in Places void of all Three, and this in process of Time uses to be accomplish'd; of which he gives an Instance in the *Island of Skye*.

10. To see a Spark of Fire fall upon one's Arm, or Breast, is a Fore-runner of a dead Child to be seen in the Arms of those Persons, of which there are several fresh Instances.

To see a Seat empty at the time of one's sitting in it, is a Prefage of that Person's Death quickly after.

When a Novice, or one, that has lately obtain'd the *Second Sight*, sees a Vision in the Night-time without Doors, and comes near a Fire he presently falls into a Swoon.

Some find themselves, as it were in a Croud of People, having a Corpse which they carry along with them; and after such Visions the *Seers* come in sweating, and describe the People that appear'd; if there are any of their Acquaintance among them, they give an Account of their Names, and also of the Bearers. But they know nothing concerning the Corpse.

All those, that have the *Second Sight*, do not always see these Visions at once, though they are together at the Time; but if one, who has this Faculty, designedly touch his

*fellow Seer*, at the Instant of a Vision's appearing, then the *Second* sees it as well as the *First*.

11. There is the way of fore-telling Death by a Cry, that they call *Taisk*; which some call a *Wrath* in the *Low-land*. They hear a loud Cry without Doors, exactly resembling the Voice of some particular Person, whose Death is foretold by it, of which he gives a late Instance, which happen'd in the Village *Rigg* in *Skye Isle*.

12. Things are also fore-told by *smelling* sometimes, as follows. Fish or Flesh is frequently smelt in the Fire, when at the same Time neither of the Two are in the House, or, in any probability like to be had in it, for some Weeks or Months. This Smell several Persons have, who are endued with the *Second Sight*, and it's always accomplish'd soon after.

13. *Children*, *Horses*, and *Cows*, have the *Second Sight*, as well as Men and Women advanc'd in Years.

That *Children* see it, it is plain, from their crying aloud at the very Instant, that a Corpse or any other Vision appears to an ordinary *Seer*: Of which he gives an Instance in a Child, when himself was present.

That *Horses* likewise see it's very plain, from their violent and sudden starting, when the Rider, or *Seer* in Company with them, sees a Vision of any kind by Night or Day. It's  
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observable of a Horse, that he will not go forward that way, till he be led about at some distance from the common Road, and then he is in a Sweat: He gives an Instance of this in a Horse, in the Isle of *Skye*.

That *Cows* have the *Second Sight*, appears from this; that if a Woman milking a *Cow* happens to see a Vision by the *Second Sight*, the *Cow* runs away in a great fright at the same time, and will not be pacify'd for some time after.

In Reference to this *Paracelsus*, *Tom. 9. l. de arte presagâ*, writes thus, 'Horses also have 'their Auguries, who perceive, by their *Sight* 'and *Smell*, wandering *Spirits*, *Witches* and 'Spectres, and the like Things; and Dogs both 'see and hear the same.

Here in the next place the Author answers Objections that have lately been made against the *Reality* of the *Second Sight*.

*First*, It's objected, that these *Seers* are *visionary* and *melancholy* People, who fancy they see Things, that do not appear to them or any Body else.

He answers, The People of these *Isles*, and particularly the *Seers*, are very Temperate, and their Diet is simple and moderate in Quantity and Quality; so that their Brains are not, in all probability, disordered by undigested Fumes of Meat or Drink. Both Sexes are free from Hysterick Fits, Convulsions, and several other Distempers of that

Sort. There are no Madmen among them, nor any Instance of Self-murder. It's observed among them, that a Man *drunk* never has a Vision of the *Second Sight*; and he that is a *Visionary* would discover himself in other things as well as in that; nor are such, as have the *Second Sight*, judg'd to be *Visionaries* by any of their Friends or Acquaintance.

*Secondly*, It's objected, that there are none among the Learned able to oblige the World with a satisfactory Account of these Visions; therefore they are not to be believed.

He answers, If every Thing, of which the Learned are *not able* to give a satisfactory Account, shall be *condemn'd* as *False* and *Impossible*, we shall find *many* other Things, generally believ'd, which must be *rejected* as *such*.

*Thirdly*, It's objected, that the *Seers* are Impostors, and the People, who believe them, are credulous, and easy to be impos'd upon.

He answers, The *Seers* are, generally illiterate, and well-meaning People, and altogether void of Design; nor could he ever learn that any of them made the least gain of it; neither is it reputable among them to have that Faculty: Beside the People of the Isles are not so credulous as to believe an Impossibility, before the thing foretold be accomplish'd; but when it actually comes to pass, afterwards it is not in their Power to deny it, without offering Violence to their Senses and Reason: Beside, if the *Seers* were *Deceivers*,  
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can it be reasonable to imagin, that all the *Islanders*, who have not the *Second Sight*, should combine together, and offer Violence to their Understandings and Senses, to force themselves to believe a Lye from Age to Age? There are several Persons among them, whose Birth and Education raise them above the Suspicion of concurring with an Imposture, merely to gratify an illiterate and contemptible sort of Persons. Nor can a reasonable Man believe, that *Children, Horses, and Cows*, could be engaged in a Combination to persuade the World of the *Reality* of a *Second Sight*.

Every Vision that is seen, comes exactly to pass, according to the rules of Observation, though Novices and heedless Persons do not always judge by those Rules; concerning which he gives Instances.

There are Visions seen by several Persons, in whose Days they are not accomplish'd; and this is one of the Reasons, why some Things have been seen, that are said never to have come to pass; and there are also several Visions seen, which are not understood till they are accomplish'd.

The *Second Sight* is not a late Discovery, seen by one or two in a Corner, or a remote *Isle*; but it's seen by many Persons of both Sexes, in several Isles, separated about Forty or Fifty Leagues from one another: The Inhabitants of many of these Isles never had

the least Converse by Word or Writing: And this Faculty of seeing Visions having continued, as we are inform'd by Tradition, ever since the Plantation of these *Isles*, without being disproved by the nicest Sceptick after the strictest Inquiry, seems to be a clear Proof of its Reality.

It's observable, that it was much more common Twenty or Thirty Years ago, than at present ; for One in Ten does not see it now, that saw it then.

The *Second Sight* is not confin'd to the *Western Isles* alone, the Author having an Account that it's in several Parts of *Holland*, but particularly in *Bommel*, where a Woman has it, for which she is courted by some, and dreaded by others. She sees a Smoak about one's Face, which is the fore-runner of the death of a Person so seen, and she actually foretold the deaths of several that lived there. She was living in that Town a few Winters ago.

The *Second Sight* is likewise in the *Isle of Man*, as appears by this Instance. Captain *Leathes* the chief Commander of *Belfast* in his Voyage 1690, lost Thirteen Men by a violent Storm, and upon his landing in the *Isle of Man*, an ancient Man, Clerk to a Parish there, told him immediately that he had lost Thirteen Men there ; the Captain enquired how he came to the Knowledge of that ; he answer'd that it was by *Thirteen Lights*, which  
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he had seen come into the Church-yard ; as Mr. *Sacheverel* tells us in his late Description of the *Isle of Man*. Note, that this is like the Sight of the *Corpse-candles* in *Wales*, which is also well attested.

Here the Author adds *many* other Instances concerning the *Second Sight* of which I shall set down only a *few*.

A Man in *Knockow*, in the Parish of St. *Mary's*, the northermost Part of *Skye*, being in perfect Health, and sitting with his fellow Servants at Night, was on a sudden taken ill, drop'd from his Seat backward, and then fell a vomiting ; at which the Family was much concern'd, he having never been subject to the like before ; but he came to himself soon after, and had no sort of Pain about him. One of the Family, who was accustomed to see the *Second Sight*, told them that the Man's Illness proceeded from a very strange Cause, which was thus. An ill-natur'd Woman (whom he named) who lives in the next adjacent Village of *Bornskittag*, came before him in a very angry and furious Manner, her Countenance full of Passion, and her Mouth full of Reproaches, and threaten'd him with her Head and Hands, till he fell over, as you have seen him. This Woman had a Fancy for the Man, but was like to be disappointed as to her marrying of him. This Instance was told the Author, by the Master of the Family,

Family, and others, who were present when it happen'd.

Sir *Norman Macklead*, and some others, playing at *Tables*, at a Game called in *Irish*, *Falmermore*, wherein there are Three of a Side, and each of them throw the Dice by turns, there happened to be one difficult Point in the disposing of one of the *Table-men* : This obliged the Gamester to deliberate, before he was to change his *Man*, since, upon the disposing of it, the winning or losing of the Game depended ; at length the Butler, who stood behind, advised the Player, where to place the *Man*, with which he comply'd and won the Game. This being thought extraordinary, and Sir *Norman* hearing one whisper him in the Ear, ask'd who advis'd him so skilfully ? He answer'd it was the Butler, but this seem'd more strange, for it was generally thought he could not play at *Tables*. Upon this Sir *Norman* ask'd him how long it was since he had learn'd to play ? And the Fellow own'd that he had never play'd in his Life, but that he saw the Spirit *Brownie* (a Spirit usually seen in that Country) reaching his Arm over the player's Head, and touching the Part with his Finger, where the *Table-man* was to be placed. This was told the Author by Sir *Norman*, and others, who happen'd to be present at the Time.

*Daniel Bow* alias *Black*, an Inhabitant of *Bornskittag*, who is one of the precisest *Seers* in



in the Isles, foretold the death of a young Woman in *Minginis*, within less than Twenty Four Hours before the Time, and accordingly she died suddenly in the Fields; though at the Time of the Prediction she was in perfect health; but the Shrou'd appearing close about her Head, was the Ground of his Confidence, that her Death was at Hand.

The same Person foretold the Death of a Child in his Master's Arms, by seeing a Spark of Fire fall on his left Arm, and this was likewise accomplish'd soon after the Prediction.

Some of the Inhabitants of *Harries*, sailing round the *Isle of Skye* with a Design to go to the opposite Main-land, were strangely surprized with an Apparition of Two Men hanging down by the Ropes that secured the Mast, but could not conjecture what it meant; they pursued their Voyage, but the Wind turning contrary, they were forced into *Broadford*, in the *Isle of Skye*, where they found Sir *Donald Mackdonald* keeping a Sheriffs Court, and Two Criminals receiving Sentence of Death there. The Ropes and Mast of that very Boat were made use of to hang those Criminals. This was told the Author by several, who had this Instance related to them by the Boat's Crew.

Several Persons, living in a certain Family, told the Author, that they had frequently seen Two Men standing at a Gentlewoman's left-hand, who was their Master's Daughter; they

they told the Men's Names, and being her Equals, it was not doubted but she would be marry'd to one of them ; and perhaps to the other, after the Death of the first. Sometime after a Third Man appeared, who seemed always to stand nearest to her of the Three, but the *Seers* did not know him, though they could describe him exactly ; and, within some Months after, this Man, who was seen last, actually came to the House, and fully answer'd the Description given of him, by those, who never saw him, but in a Vision ; and he marry'd the Woman shortly after : They live in the *Isle of Skye*, and both themselves and others confirm'd the Truth of this Instance, when the Author saw them.

*Archibald Mack Donald* of the Parish of *St. Mary's* in the *Isle of Skye*, being reputed famous in his Skill of foretelling things to come by the *Second Sight*, happening to be in the Village *Knockon* one Night, and before Supper, told the Family, that he had just then seen the strangest Thing he ever saw in his Life : *viz.* A Man with an ugly long Cap, always shaking his Head ; but that the strangest of all was a little kind of an Harp, which he had, with Four Strings only, and that it had Two Hart's-horns fix'd in the front of it : All that heard this odd Vision fell a laughing at *Archibald*, telling him, that he was dreaming, or had not his Wits about him, since he pretended to see a Thing which had no Being,  
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and was not so much as heard of in any Part of the World. All this could not alter *Archibald's* Opinion, who told them, that they must excuse him, if he laugh'd at them, after the Accomplishment of the Vision. *Archibald* returned to his own House, and within Three or Four Days after, a Man with a Cap, Harp, &c. came to the House, and the Harp, Strings, Horns, and Cap, answer'd the Description of them at first View, and he shook his Head when he play'd ; for he had Two Bells fix'd to his Cap. This Harper was a poor Man, who made himself a Buffoon for his Bread, and was never seen before in those Parts, and at the Time of the Prediction he was in the *Isle of Barray*, which is about Twenty Leagues distant from that Part of *Skye*. This Relation is vouch'd by Mr. *Daniel Martin*, and all his Family, and such as were then present, and they live in the Village where this happened.

One *Daniel Nicholson*, Minister of *St. Mary's* in *Skye*, the Parish, in which Mr. *Archibald Mac Donald* lived, told the Author ; that, one Sunday, after Sermon, at the Chappel *Uge*, he took an occasion to inquire of *Archibald*, if he still retain'd that unhappy Faculty of seeing the *Second Sight*, and wish'd him to get rid of it, if possible ; for, said he, it's no true Character of a good Man. *Archibald* was highly displeas'd, and answer'd that he hoped he wa sno more unhappy than his Neighbours,  
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for seeing what they could not perceive. I had, said he, as serious Thoughts as my Neighbours in time of hearing a Sermon to Day, and even then I saw a Corpse laid on the Ground close to the Pulpit ; and I assure you it will be accomplish'd shortly, for it was in the Day-time. There were none in the Parish then Sick, and few are buried at that little Chappel, nay sometimes not one in a Year. Yet when Mr. *Nicholson* return'd to preach in the said Chappel, a Fort-night or three Weeks after, he found one buried in the very Spot, named by *Archibald*. This Story is vouch'd by Mr. *Nicholson* the Minister, and several of the Parishioners still living.

*Note*, That it's counted by many an Argument of somewhat evil attending this Faculty of the *Second Sight*, because there are Instances given of some Persons, who have been freed of it, upon using some Christian Practices. But I shall hereafter show that this Opinion cannot be entirely true.

Sir *Norman Mac-Lead*, who has his Residence in the *Isle* of *Bernera*, which lies between the *Isles* of *N. Vist* and *Harries*, went to the *Isle* of *Skye* about Business, without appointing any Time for his Return ; his Servants, in his Absence, being all together in the large Hall at Night ; one of them, who had the *Second Sight*, told the rest they must remove, for there would be abundance of other Company in the Hall that Night : One of his



his fellow Servants answered, that there was very little Likelyhood of that, because of the Darknes of the Night, and the Danger of coming through the Rocks, that lie round the *Isle* : But within an Hour after, one of Sir *Norman*'s Men came to the House, bidding them provide Lights, &c. for his Master had newly landed.

Sir *Norman* being told of this, called for the *Seer* and examin'd him about it. He answer'd, that he had seen the Spirit *Brownie*, in humane Shape, come several times, and make a shew of carrying an old Woman, that sat by the Fire, to the Door, and at last seem'd to carry her out by Neck and Heels, which made him laugh heartily, and gave occasion to the rest to conclude him Mad, to laugh so much without any Reason. This Instance was told the Author by Sir *Norman* himself.

Four Men from the *Isle* of *Skye* and *Harries*, went to *Barbadoes*, and staid there some Years ; who, though they had wont to see the *Second Sight* in their native Country, never saw it in *Barbadoes* ; but upon their Return to *England*, the first Night after their landing, they saw the *Second Sight* ; as the Author was told by several of their Acquaintance.

*John Morrison*, who lives in *Bernera* of *Harries*, wears the Plant called *Fuga Demonum* sewed in the Neck of his Coat, to prevent his seeing of Visions, and says, he never saw any

any since he first carried that Plant about him.

A Spirit, by the Country People called *Brownie*, was frequently seen in all the most considerable Families in the *Isles*, and *North of Scotland*, in the Shape of a tall Man, having very long brown Hair : But within these Twenty Years past he has been seen but rarely.

There were Spirits also that appeared in the shape of Women, Horses, Swines, Cats, and some like fiery Balls, which would follow Men in the Fields, but there have been but few Instances of these for upwards of Forty Years past.

These Spirits us'd also to form Sounds in the Air, resembling those of an Harp, Pipes, crowing of a Cock, and of the grinding of Hand-mills : And sometimes Voices have been heard in the Air at Night, singing *Irish* Songs ; the Words of which Songs some of the Author's Acquaintances still retain ; one of them resembled the Voice of a Woman, who died sometime before, and the Song related to her State in the other World. All these Accounts, the Author says, he had from Persons of as great Integrity, as any are in the World. So far *Mr. Martin* whose Account is so long, that I have given the Reader only a short Abridgement thereof ; and shall therefore satisfy myself, without relating any further Passages, by directing the Reader to others also, learned  
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Men, who have written on the same Subject. *Laurentius Ananias* printed a Volume in *Latin* at *Venice*, Anno 1581, about the Nature of *Demons*, where, in the Third Book he writes concerning the *Second Sight*.-----The learned *Camerarius* does the like, and names a Person of his own Acquaintance, whom he testifies to have had that Gift. *St. Austin* himself testifies something (not very different from what we now call the Gift of the *Second Sight*) of one *Curina*, who lived in the Country of *Hippo* in *Africa*.-----*Bonaysteau* tells us something like it in his *Disc. de Excell. & Dig. Hominis*, concerning the Spirit of *Hermotimus*.----So do likewise *Herodotus* and *Maximus Tyrius* about the Spirit of *Aristeus*.-----*Cardan* does the same in his *De rerum variet. l. 8. c. 84.* of his Kinsman *Baptista Cardan* a Student at *Pavia*.-----*Baptista Fulgosus* tells us of what we call the *Second Sight*, in other Words, in his *L. 1. Fact. & dict. memorab. c. 6.* Among our own Country-men: The Lord *Henry Howard* in the Book he writ against *supposed Prophecies*, in his Seventeenth Chapter tells us a wonderful Story, of this Kind of *Sight*; and sure that noble Lord may be look'd upon as an unexceptionable Testimony, in a Story he relates of his own Knowledge, he having otherwise little Faith in things of this kind. *Mr. Cotton Mather*, a Minister of *New England*, in his Relation of the *Wonders of the invisible World*, inserted in his *Ecclesiastical History* of  
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that Country, printed in *London, Anno 1702 in Folio*, has given us several Instances of this kind, as also of many other diabolical Operations. Mr. *Baxter's* Book concerning the *Certainty of the World of Spirits*, has the like Proofs in it. Mr. *Aubrey* Fellow of the Royal Society, has written largely concerning *Second sighted* Persons; so has Mr. *Beaumont* in his Book of *Genii and familiar Spirits*, who has collected almost all the other Accounts together, and many others, whose very Names, it would be tedious, to recite: However, as there are a few more Passages very curious in themselves; I will venture so far upon the Reader's Patience, as not only to recite the Names of the Authors, but the Accounts themselves, in as succinct and brief a manner, as it is possible for any one to do.

Mr. *Th. May*, in his History, *Lib. 8.* writes, that an old Man (like an Hermit) *Second sighted*, took his leave of King *James I.* when he came into *England*: He took little notice of Prince *Henry*, but addressing himself to the Duke of *York*, [since King *Charles I.*] fell a weeping to think what Misfortunes he should undergo; and that he should be one of the most miserable and most unhappy Princes, that ever was.

A Scotch Noble-man sent for one of these *Second sighted* Men out of the *High-lands* to give his Judgment of the then great *George Villiers*, Duke of *Buckingham*. As soon as ever he



he saw him; Pish, said he, *he will come to Nothing, I see a Dagger in his Breast*; and he was stabb'd in the Breast by Captain Felton, as has been at large recounted in some of the foregoing Pages.

Sir *James Melvin* hath several the like Passages in his History.

A certain old Man in *South Wales*, told a great Man there of the Fortune of his Family, and that there should not be a Third Male Generation: It has fallen out accordingly.

Sir *William Dugdale* with his own Mouth inform'd several Gentlemen, that Major General Middleton (since Lord) went into the *High-lands* of Scotland, to endeavour to make a Party for King *Charles I.* An old Gentleman (that was *Second sighted*) came and told him that his Endeavour was good; but he would be unsuccessful; and moreover, *That they would put the King to death: And that several other Attempts would be made, but all in vain: But that his Son would come in, but not reign in a long Time: But would at last be restored.* This Lord Middleton had a great Friendship with the Laird *Bocconi*, and they made an Agreement, that the first of them that died, should appear to the other in Extremity. The Lord Middleton was taken Prisoner at *Worcester* Fight, and was Prisoner in the Tower of *London*, under Three Locks. Lying in his Bed Pensive *Bocconi* appeared to him; my Lord Middleton ask'd him if he

were dead or alive ? He said, dead, and that he was a Ghost ; and told him that within Three Days he should escape, and he did so, in his Wife's Cloaths ; when he had done his Message he gave a frisk and said

Givanni Givanni, 'tis very strange

*In the World to see so sudden a Change.*

And then gather'd up and vanished. This Account Sir. *William Dugdale* had from the Bishop of *Edinburgh* : And this Account he hath writ in a Book of Miscellanies, which is now repositied (with other Books of his) in the *Museum* at *Oxford*.

Thus the Reader sees what great Authorities may be produced to prove that wonderful and true Predictions have been delivered by many Persons gifted with the *Second Sight*. The most learned Men in almost all Nations, who are not in all likelyhood deceiv'd themselves. The most celebrated and authentick Historians, and some Divines, in *England*, who, 'tis not to be thought, have combined together and made it their Business to obtrude upon us Falsehoods ; Persons of all Ranks, from the highest to the lowest, in *Scotland*, who, it would be even Madness to think, would join in a Confederacy to impose Tricks upon us, and to perswade us to the greatest of Impostures as solemn Truths delivered from their own Mouths ; all these (I say) have unanimously and (as it were) with *one Voice* asserted, repeated, and confirm'd, to us, that

that there have been at all Times, and in many different Nations, and that still there are Persons, who, possess'd with the Gift of a *Second Sight*, predict Things that wonderfully come to pass ; and seem to merit very little less than the Name of Prophets, for their miraculous Discoveries. Now if any Man should come, and without giving the least manner of Reason for it, (for there is no Reason to be given against such Assertions) declare his *dis-belief* of all these *authentick*, though *strange*, Accounts ; can he *with Reason* imagin that his *Incredulity* shall pass for a *Token of Wisdom* ? Shall his *Obstinacy* confute the *Learned* ? Shall his *Want of Faith* be thought justly to give the *Lye* to so many Persons of the highest *Honour and Quality*, and of the *most undoubted Integrity* ? In fine, shall his *Infidelity*, by a *reverse* kind of *Power* to that which is attributed to the *Philosophers Stone*, be able to *change the Nature of Things*, turn and transmute *Truth* into *Falsehood*, and make a *down right plain Matter of Fact* to be no more than a *Chimera*, or an *Ens Rationis* ? And shall a *manifest Experience* be so easily exploded ?

Taking it therefore for granted, that no modest Man whatsoever, (though never so hard of Belief, which is certainly as great a Weakness as that of too much Credulity) will make bold openly to declare his *dis-belief* of Things so well attested ; and taking it much more for granted still, that it is impossible for



any Man of common Sense to have the Front of declaring his Dis-belief of them in such a manner, as to urge it for an Argument and a Reason why others should dis-believe them too ; taking this, I say, as I think I very well may, for granted, I think there remains nothing further for me to offer, before I conclude this Chapter, except a few Remarks, as to the Similitude there is between those Actions, which I have related above to have been performed by Mr. *Campbell*, and these Actions, which so many learned ingenious and noble Authors, as I have just now quoted, have asserted to have been performed by Persons, whom they knew to be gifted with the *Second Sight*.

As to what is said (several Pages above) concerning *Duncan Campbell*, when a Boy at *Edinburgh*, that he even told his little Companions, who would have Success at their little Matches, when they play'd at Marbles ; and that he inform'd a great Gamester there whose Name I have disguised under that of Count *Cog*, what Times he should chuse to play if he would win, as ludicrous as it may have appear'd to be, and as much as it may have seem'd to my Readers to carry with it nothing better than the Face of Invention, and the Air of Fiction ; yet if they will be at the pains of comparing that Passage of *Duncan Campbell's*, with the Account given in this Chapter from the Mouth of Sir *Norman Macleod*,



*Maclead*, concerning a Man, who, though he never play'd at Tables in his Life, instructed a skilful Gamester, when he was at a stand, to place one of his *Men* right, upon which the whole Game depended, which the ignorant Fellow, when ask'd how he came to do it, said he was directed to by the *Spirit Brownie*; whoever I say will be at the pains of comparing these Passages together, will find they bear a very near resemblance, and that the way we may most reasonably account for *Duncan Campbell's* Prediction, when he was a Boy, must be, that he was at that time directed by his little *Genius* or *familiar Spirit*, which I described in the precedent Pages, as this Fellow was by the *Spirit Brownie*, according to Sir *Norman Maclead's* Assertion, which *Spirit Brownie*, as Mr. *Marten* a very good and credited Writer assures us, in his History of the *Western Islands* dedicated to the late Prince *George of Denmark*, is a *Spirit* usually seen all over that Country.

If the Reader recollects, He will remember likewise that, in the little Discourse, which I mentioned to have been held between me and this *Duncan Campbell* when a Boy concerning his little *Genius*, I there say, the Boy signified to me, that he smelt Venison, and was sure that some would come to his Mother's House shortly after; accordingly I came thither that Morning from the Death of a Deer, and order'd a part of it to be brought

after me to her House. Now Mr. *Marten's* Twelfth Observation about the *Second Sight* in this Chapter clears it plainly up that this Knowledge in the Boy proceeded from the *Gift of Second Sight*. Not to give the Reader too often the Trouble of looking back in order to judge of the Truth of what I say ; I will here repeat that Observation ; which is as follows. Things are also foretold by *Smelling* sometimes : For Example *Fish* or *Flesh* is frequently *smelt* in the Fire, when at the *same time* neither of the *Two* are in the House, or, in any *probability*, like to be had in it, for some *Weeks* or *Months*. This *Smell* several Persons have, who are endued with the *Second Sight*, and its always accomplish'd soon after.

But I will here omit any further Remarks by way of accounting how he compass'd his Predictions, when a Boy, either by the Intervention of his *Genius*, or the Gift of a *Second Sight* ; and examin how nearly those Things, which I have related to have been done by him in his more advanc'd Years, when he took up the Profession of a *Predictor* in *London*, correspond with the Accounts given us in this Chapter about a *Second Sight*, and how near a Resemblance the Things done by him bear to those Things that are so well attested to have been perform'd by others, thro' the efficacious Power of this wonderful Faculty.

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First then, if we have a mind to make a tolerable guess, which way Mr. *Campbell* came acquainted that the Death of the beautiful young Lady, Mrs. *W--lw--d* was so near at Hand, and that, tho' she was so universally admired, she would die unmarried ; the Accounts given of other *Second sighted* Persons in the like Cases, will put us in the most probable way of guessing right. This is explain'd by the Seventh Observation in this Chapter, where it is said from Mr. *Marten*, that when a Shroud is perceiv'd about one, it's a sure Prognostick of Death ; the Time is judg'd according to the Height of it, about the Person ; for if it be not seen above the Middle, Death is not to be expected for the space of a Year or longer, but as it comes nearer to the Head it is expected sooner ; if to the very Head, it is concluded to be at Hand within a few Days, if not Hours. Of this we have an Example of which Mr. *Marten* was an Eye-witness, concerning the Death of his own Acquaintance ; but he did not in the least regard it, till the Death of the Person, about the Time foretold, confirm'd to him the Certainty of the Prediction.

*Secondly*, As to the ignominious Death, that *Irwin* came to, and which He predicted to his Mother, so long before, when she was in flourishing Circumstances, and when there was no appearance, that any of her Children should be brought to a beggarly Condition,  
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and learn among base Gangs of Company to thieve, and be carried to the Gallows: The Story told in this Chapter of some of the Inhabitants of *Harries*, sailing round the *Isle of Skye*, and seeing the Apparition of Two Men hanging by the Ropes on the Mast of their Vessel, and when they came to the opposite Mainland, finding Two Criminals just sentenc'd to Death, by Sir *Donald Mac Donald*, and seeing their own very Mast and Ropes made choice of for their Execution, clears up the manner how Mr. *Campbell* might predict this of *Irwin* likewise by the force of the *Second Sight*.

*Thirdly*, As to Mr. *Campbell's* telling *Christallina* the *Belle* and chief *Toast* of the Court, and *Urbana* the reigning Beauty of the City, that they should shortly be married, and who were to be their Husbands; it is a Thing he has done almost every Day in his Life to one Woman or other, that comes to consult him about the Man she is to be married to; the manner, he probably takes in doing this, may be likewise explain'd by the foregoing Story in this Chapter, about the Servants, who said they saw Three Men standing by the left Hand of their Master's Daughter; and that *he*, that was *nearest* would marry her *first* whom they plainly and exactly described, tho' they had never seen him but in their Vision, as appeared afterwards. For within some Months after the very Man described did  
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come to the House, and did *marry* her. *Vide* the Eight Observation of the *Second Sight*.

*Fourthly*, As to the Predictions deliver'd by Mr. *Campbell* to the Merchant, which are set down at length in the foregoing Chapter, I know no better way at guessing the *manner* how the *Second Sight* operated in him at that Time, than by comparing them to these Two Instances, which I briefly repeat, because they are set down at length before, in this Chapter. And first it may be ask'd how did the *Second Sight* operate in Mr. *Campbell*, when it gave him to know, that the Merchant's Ships, which repeated Intelligences had in appearance confirm'd to be lost, were at that time safe, and would return securely home into the Harbour designed? The best way of accounting for it, that I know, is by the Story that Sir *Norman Mack-Lead* is above affirm'd to have told with his own Mouth concerning a Servant of his, who rightly foretold his returning Home and landing on the *Isle* of *Bernera* one Night, where his Residence is, when there was very little or no likelihood of it, because of the Darknes of the Night, and the Danger of coming through the Rocks that lie round the *Isle*. When Sir *Norman* examin'd him about it; he answer'd that he knew it by a Vision of the Spirit *Brownie*; and hence it may be the most probably conjectured that Mr. *Campbell's* Knowledge of the Merchant's Ships being safe, came from a Vision of his particular

particular *Genius* or *familiar Spirit* which we spoke of before. What I have already instanced in, is (I think) sufficient with regard to the wonderful Things which Mr. *Campbell* has perform'd either by the Intervention of a *Genius* or the Power of a *Second Sight*. But as he has frequently done a great many amazing Performances, which seem to be of such a Nature, that they can't be well and clearly explain'd to have been done either by the Intervention of his *familiar Spirit* and *Genius*, or by the Power of the *Second sighted Faculty*, we must have recourse to the Third Means, by which only such Predictions and Practices can be compass'd, before we expound these new Mysteries, which appear like incredible Riddles, and *Ænigma's* at the first; and this *Third Means* which we must have recourse to, for expounding these strange Acts of his, is a due consideration of the Force and Power of Natural Magick, which together with a Narrative of the Acts, which he seems *magically* to bring about, will be the Subject of the following Chapter.

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## CHAP. VIII.

**B**UT before we proceed to our Disquisitions concerning the Power and Efficacy of natural Magick, and examin what mysterious Operations may be brought about and compass'd by magical Practices, and before we take a further Survey of what Mr. *Campbell* has perform'd in this kind, that relates to his Profession and the publick Part of his Life, which concerns other People as well as himself; I shall here relate some singular Adventures, that he pass'd thoro' in his private Life, and which regard only his own Person. In order to this, I must return back to the Year 1702, about which time some unaccountable Turns of Fortune attended him in his own private Capacity, which must be very surprizing and entertaining to my Readers, when they find a Man, whose Fore-sight was always so great a Help and Assistance to others, who consulted him in their own future Affairs, helpless (as it has been an Observation concerning all such Men in the account of the *Second Sight*) and blind in his own future Affairs, tols'd up and down by inevitable and spiteful Accidents of Fortune, and made the May-game of Chance and Hazard, as if that way-ward and inconstant Goddess was resolv'd to punish him, when she



she catch'd him on the blind Side, for having such a quick insight and penetrating Faculty in other Peoples Matters, and scrutinizing too narrowly into her Mysteries, and so sometimes preventing those fatal Intentions of hers, into which she would fain lead many Mortals hood-wink'd, and before they knew where they were. In this Light, these mighty and famous *Seers* seem to be born for the Benefit and Felicity of others, but at the same time to be born to Unhappiness themselves. And certainly, in as much as we consider them as useful and beneficial often, but always satisfactory, to Persons, who are curious in their Inquiries about their Fortunes; it will be natural to those of us, who have the least Share of Generosity in our Minds, to yield our Pity and Compassion to them, when they are remarkably unfortunate themselves; especially when that Calamity seems more particularly to light upon them for their Ability, and Endeavour to consult the good Fortune of other Folks.

About the abovementioned Year 1702, *Duncan Campbel* grew a little tired of his Profession. Such a multitude of Followers troubled him, several of whom were wild Youths and came to banter him, and many more too inquisitive Females, to teaze him with endless Importunences, and who, the more he told them, had still the more to ask, and whose Curiosity was never to be satisfied: And besides this he was so much envy'd, and had so many  
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malicious Artifices daily practis'd against him, that he resolv'd to leave off his Profession. He had (I know) follow'd it pretty closely from the time I first saw him in *London*, which was I think in the beginning of the Year 1698, till the Year 1702, with very good Success; and in those few Years he had got together a pretty round Summ of Mony. Our young *Scer* was now at Man's Estate, and had learn'd the Notion that he was to be his own Governour, so far as to be his own Counsellor too in what Road of Life he was to take, and this Consideration (no doubt) work'd with a deeper Impression on *his* Mind, than it usually does on *others* that are in the same *blof-soming Pride* of Manhood, because it might appear more natural for him to believe, that he had a sufficient Ability to be his own proper Adviser, who had given so many others, and some more aged than himself, Counsel, with very good Success. Now every experienc'd Person knows, that when Manhood is yet green, it is still in the same dangerous Condition as a young Plant, which is liable to be warp'd by a Thousand cross fortuitous Accidents, if good Measures be not taken to support it against all the contingent Shocks it may meet with from the Weather or otherwise. Now it was his Misfortune to be made averse to Business, which he lov'd before, by having too much of it, and to be so soured by meeting with numerous Perplexities and mali-

malicious Rubs laid in his way by invidious People, (who are the uselefs and injurious *Busybodies*, that always repine at the good of others, and rejoice to do harm to the Diligent and Assiduous, though they reap no Profit by it themselves ;) that he was disgusted and deterr'd entirely from the Prosecution of a Profession, by which he got not only a competent but a copious and plentiful Subsistence. Nay indeed this was another Mischief arising to him from his having so much Business, that he had got Money enough to leave it off, when the Perplexities of it had made him willing to do so, and to live very comfortably and handsomely, like a Gentleman without it, for a time ; and we know the youngest Men are not wont to look the farthest before them, in matters that concern their own Welfare. Now inasmuch as he had thus taken a Disgust to Business and Application, and was surfeited (as I may say) with the Perplexities of it, it must be as natural for him, we know, to search for Repose in the contrary extream, *viz.* Recreation and Idleness, as it is for a Man to seek Rest after 'Toil, to sleep after a Day's Labour, or to sit down after a long and tiresome Walk. But there are two very distinct sorts of Idleness, and two very different kinds of Recreation ; there is a shameful Idleness which is no better than down-right Sloth ; and there is a splendid kind of Indolence, where a Man having taken an Aversion

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to the Wearisomeness of a Business which properly belongs to him, neglects not however to employ his Thoughts, when they are vacant from what they ought more chiefly to be about, in other Matters not entirely unprofitable in Life, the Exercise of which he finds he can follow with more abundant Ease and Satisfaction. There are some Sorts of Recreations too, that are mean, sordid, and base; others, that are very innocent, though very diverting, and that will give one the very next most valuable Qualifications of a Gentleman, after those, which are obtained by a more serious Application of the Mind. The Idea which I have already given my Readers of our *Duncan Campbell*, will easily make them judge, before I tell them, which way, in these two Ways, his *Genius* would naturally lead him; and that, when he grew an idle Man, he would rather indulge himself with applying his Mind to the shining Trifles of Life, than be wholly slothful and unactive; and that when he diverted himself he would not do it after a sordid base manner, as having a better taste and a relish for good Company; but that his Recreations would still be the Recreations of a Gentleman. And just, accordingly, as my Readers would naturally judge before-hand in his Case, so it really happened. The Moment he shook of Business, and dismiss'd the Thoughts of it, his *Genius* led him to a very gallant



Way of Life ; in his Lodgings, in his Entertainments in paying and receiving Visits, in Coffee-houses, in Taverns, in fencing Schools, in Balls and other publick Assemblies, in all ways in fine both at home and abroad, *Duncan Campbell* was a well comported and civil fine Gentleman ; he was a Man of Pleasure, and nothing of the Man of Business appeared about him. But a Gentleman's Life without a Gentleman's Estate, however shining and pleasant it may be for a time, will certainly end in Sorrow if not in Infamy ; and comparing Life (as Moralists do) to a Day, one may safely pronounce this Truth to all the splendid Idlers, I have mention'd, that if they have sunshiny Weather till Noon, yet the After-noon of their Life will be very stormy, rainy and uncomfortable, and perhaps just at the end of their Journey, to carry on the *Metaphor* throughout, close in the darkest kind of Night. Of this, as I was a Man of Years and more experienc'd in the World than he, I took upon me to forewarn Mr. *Campbell*, as soon as I perceiv'd the first dangerous Fit of this elegant Idleness had seiz'd him. But when will young Men, by so much the more head-strong as they have less of the Beard, be guided and brought to learn, and when shall we see that happy Age, in which the grey Heads of old Men shall be clapp'd upon the Shoulders of Youth ? I told him, that in this one thing he ought to consult me,

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and acknowledge me to be a true Prophet, if I told him the end of the seeming merry Steps in Life, he was now taking, would infallibly bring him to a Labyrinth of Difficulties, out of which if he extricated himself at all, he would at least find it a laborious piece of Work. His Taste had been already vitiated with the Sweets which lay at the top of the bitter Draught of Fortune, and my honest rugged Counsel came too late to prevail, when his Fancy had decoy'd and debauch'd his Judgement, and carry'd it over into another Interest. I remember I writ down to him the moral Story, where vicious Pleasure and Virtue are pictured by the Philosopher to appear before *Hercules*, to court him into two several Paths. I told him more particularly since he had not an Estate to go thro' with the gentlemanly Life (as he call'd it) that, if he follow'd the alluring Pleasures, which endeavour'd to tempt *Hercules*, he would involve himself at last in a whole heap of Miseries, out of which it would be more than an *Herculean* Labour for him to disentangle himself again. If he had been a Man that could have ever heard with either, I would have told the Reader in a very familiar Idiom, that he turn'd the deaf Ear to me ; for he did not mind one Syllable nor Tittle of the Prescriptions I set down for him, no more than if he had never read them ; but, varying the Phrase a little, I may say at least, when

he should have look'd upon my Counsel with all the Eyes he had, he turn'd the blind Side upon it. I was resolv'd to make use of the Revenge natural to a Man of Years, and therefore apply'd that reproachful Proverb to him, which we Ancients delight much in making use of to Youths, that follow their own false and hot Imaginations, and will not heed the cooler Dictates of Age, Experience, and Wisdom. Accordingly I wrote down to him these Words and left him in a seeming Passion. I am very well assured, *young Man*, you *think me*, that am *Old* to be a *Fool*; but *I*, that am *Old*, absolutely *know you* who are a *young Fellow*, to be a *down-right Fool*, and so I leave you to follow your own ways, till sad and woful Experience teaches you to know it your ownself, and makes you come to me to own it of your own accord. As I was going away after this tart Admonition and severe Reprimand, I had a Mind to observe his Countenance, and I saw him smile, which I rightly construed to be done in contempt of the advice of Age, and in the Gaiety and Fullness of Conceit, which Youth entertains of its own fond Opinions and hair-brain'd rash Resolves. He was got into the Company of a very pretty set of Gentlemen, whose Fortunes were far superior to his; but he follow'd the same genteel Exercises, as Fencing, &c. and made one at all their publick Entertainments; and so being at an equal Expence, with

with those, who could well afford to spend, what they did, out of their Estates; he went on very pleasantly for a time, still spending and never getting, without ever considering, that it must, by inevitable consequence, fall to his Lot at last to be entirely reduced to a State of Indigence and Want. And what commonly heightens the Misfortune of such Men (and so of all Gentlemen's younger Brothers,) who live upon the ready Money that is given them for their Portions, is, that the Prosperity they live in for a time gains them Credit enough, just to bring them in Debt, and render them more Miserable, than those very Wretches, who never had either any Money or Credit at all. They run themselves into Debt out of Shame, and to put off the evil Day of appearing ruin'd Men as long as they can, and then when their Tempers are souer'd by Adversity, they grow tir'd of their own Lives, and then in a Quarrel they or some other Gentleman, may be, is run thorough, or else being hunted by Bayliffs, they Exercise their Swords upon those Pursuers. Thus where Gentlemen will not consider their Circumstances, their very Prosperity is a Cause of, and aggravates their Misery, their very *Pride* (which was a decent *Pride* at first) in keeping up and maintaining their *Credit*, subjects them too often to the lowest and the meanest Acts, and their Courage, which was of a laudable Kind, turns into a brutish and



savage Rage ; and all the fine, esteem'd flourishing and happy, Gentleman ends, and is lost in the contemn'd poor and miserable Desperado, whose Portion at last is Confinement and a Goal, and sometimes even worse, and what I shall not so much as name here. Into many of these Calamities Mr. *Campbell* had brought himself, before it was long, by his heedlessness, and running, according to the wild Dictates of Youth, counter to all sound and wholesome Advice. He had (it seems) run himself into Debt, and one Day, as he was at a Coffee-house the Sign of the Three *Crowns* in great *Queen-street*, in rush'd Four Bayliffs upon him, who being directed by the Creditor's Wife, had watch'd him into that House, and told him they had a Warrant against him, and upon his not answering, they being unacquainted with his being deaf and dumb, offer'd to seize his Sword. He startled at their offering of Violence, and taking them for Russians (which he had often met with) repell'd the Assaulters, and drawing his Sword, as one Man, more bold than the rest, closed in with him, he shorten'd his Blade, and in the Fall pinn'd the Fellow through the Shoulder, and himself through the Leg, to the Floor. After that he stood at Bay with all the Four Officers, when the most mischievous Assailant of them all, the Creditor's Wife, ventur'd to step into the Fray, and very barbarously took hold of that nameless Part of  
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the Man, for which, as she was a married Woman, Nature methinks should have taught her to have a greater Tenderneſs, and almoſt squeez'd and crush'd thoſe Vitals to death. But at laſt he got free from them all, and was going away as faſt as he could, not knowing what Conſequences might enſue. But the Woman who aim'd herſelf at committing Murder, in the moſt ſavage and inhuman Manner, ran out after him, crying out Murder, Murder, as loud as ſhe could, and alarmed the whole Street. The Bayliſſ's following the Woman, and being bloody from Head to Foot, by means of the Wound he receiv'd, gave Credit to the Outcry. The late Earl Rivers's Footmen happening to be at the Door ran immediately to ſtop the ſuppos'd Murderer, and they indeed did take him at laſt, but perceiv'd their Miſtake, and diſcovered that inſtead of being Aſſiſtants in taking a Man, whom they thought to be a Murderer endeavouring to make his Eſcape from the Hands of Juſtice, they had only been trick'd in by that falſe Cry to be Adjutants to a Bayliſſ in retaking a Gentleman who, by ſo gallant a Defence, had reſcu'd himſelf from the Dangers of a Priſon; and when they had diſcover'd this their Miſtake they were mighty ſorry for what they had done. The moſt active and buſy among the Earl's Footmen was a *Dutch* Man, and the Earl happening to be in a Room next the Street, and hearing the

Outcry of Murder, step'd to the Window, and seeing his own Servants in the midst of the Bustle, examin'd the *Dutch* Man how the Matter was, and, being told it, he chid the Man for being concern'd in stopping a Gentleman that was getting free from such troublesome Companions. But the *Dutch* Man excused himself, like a *Dutch* Man, by making a very merry Blunder for a Reply. *Sacramente*, said he, to his Lord, if I had thought they were Bayliffs, I would have fought for the poor dumb *Gentleman*, but then why had not *he told* me they were Bailiffs my Lord?

In short, *Duncan Campbell* was carry'd off as their Prisoner; but the Bayliff, that was wounded, was led back to the Coffee House where he pretended the Wound was Mortal, and that he despair'd of living an Hour. The Proverb however was of the Fellow's Side, and he recover'd sooner than other People expected he could. As soon as all Danger was over, an Action for Damages and smart Money (as their Term is) was brought against Mr. *Campbell*; the Damages were exaggerated and the Demand was so extravagant, that *Duncan Campbell* was neither able, just at that Time, nor willing, had he been able, to pay so much, as he thought, in his own Wrong, and having no Bail, and being asham'd to make his case known to his better sort of Friends, who were both able and willing to help him at a dead Lift, he was hurry'd away to

to Goal by the Bayliffs, who shew'd such a malignant and insolent Pleasure, as commonly attends powerful Revenge, when they put him into the Marshalsea. There he lay in Confinement Six Weeks, till at last Four or Five of his chief Friends came by mere Chance to hear of it ; immediately they consulted about his Deliverance and unanimously resolved to contribute for his Enlargement, and they accordingly went cross the Water together, and procured it out of Hand.

Two of his Benefactors were Officers, and were just then going over to *Flanders*. *Duncan Campbell*, to whom they communicated their Design, was resolved to try his Fortune in a Military Way, out of a roving kind of Humour, raised in him partly by his having taken a sort of Aversion to his own Profession in Town, and partly, by his finding, that he could not live, without following a Profession as he had done, any longer. He over a Bottle frankly imparted his Mind to them at large ; he signify'd to them that he hoped, since they had lately done him so great a Favour, in freeing him from one Captivity, they would not think him too urgent, if he press'd for one Favour further, upon Natures so generous as theirs, by whom he took as great a Pleasure in being obliged, as he could receive in being capable of obliging others. He wrote to them that the Favour he meant was to redeem him from another Captivity, almost



most as irksome to him, as that, out of which they had lately ransom'd him. This Captivity, continued he, is, being either forc'd to follow my old Profession, which I have taken an entire Disgust to, for a Maintenance; or being forc'd to live in a narrower Way than suits with my *Genius*, and the better Taste I have of higher Life. Such a State, Gentlemen, you know, is more unpalatable than Half-pay; it is like either being forc'd to go upon the *forlorn Hope*, or else like a Man's being an entirely cashier'd and broken Officer, that had no younger Brother's Fortune, and no other Support but his Commission. Thus though you have set my Body at Liberty, my Soul is still under an Imprisonment, and will be till I leave *England*, and can find means of visiting *Flanders*, which I can do no otherwise than by the advantage of having you for my Convoy. I have a mighty longing to Experience some part of a Military Life, and I fancy, if you will grant me your Interest, and introduce me to the valiant young Lord *Lorne*, and be Spokes-men for a dumb Man, I shall meet with a favourable Reception, and as for you (Gentlemen) after having named that great Patron and Pattern of Courage and Conduct in the Field, I can't doubt but the very Name I bear, if you had not known me, would have made you taken me for a Person of a Military *Genius*, and that I should do nothing but what would become a *British* Soul-



Souldier, and a Gentleman ; nothing in fine, that should make you repent the Recommendation.

These generous and gallant Friends of his, it seems, comply'd with his Request, and promis'd they would make Application for him to the Lord *Lorne*, and *Duncan Campbell* had nothing to do but to get his Bag and Baggage ready and provide himself with a Pass. His Baggage was not very long a getting together, and he had it in tolerable good Order, and as for his Pass, a Brother of the Lord *Forbes* was so kind, as to procure him one, upon the first Application *Duncan* made to him.

Accordingly in a few Days afterwards they went on Board, and having a speedy and an easy Passage, arrived soon at *Rotterdam*. *Duncan* met with some of his *English* Acquaintance in that Town, and his Mind being pretty much bent upon rambling, and seeing all the Curiosities, Customs, and Humours, he could, in all the foreign Places he was to pass thorough ; he went out of a Frolick with some Gentlemen, next Day, in a Boat to an adjacent Village, to make merry over a homely *Dutch* Entertainment, the intended Repast being to consist of what the Boors there count a great Delicacy, brown Bread and white Beer. He walk'd out of sight from his Company, and they lost one another ; and stroling about by himself at an unseasonable Hour, as  
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they call it there after the Bell has toll'd, *Duncan Campbell*, who neither knew their Laws, nor if he had, was capable of being guided by the notice which their Laws ordain, was taken into Custody in the Village for that Night, and carry'd away the next Day to *Williamstadt*, where he was taken for a Spy, and put into a close Imprisonment for Three or Four Days.

But some *Scotch* Gentlemen, who had been in Company with Mr. *Campbell* at Mr. *Cloysterman's* a Painter in *Covent-garden*, made their Application to the Magistrate and got him releas'd : He knew his Friends the Officers, that carried him over, were gone forward to the Camp, and that there was no Hope of finding them at *Rotterdam*, if he should go thither, and so he resolv'd since he had had so many Days Punishment in *Williamstadt*, to have Three or Four Days Pleasure there too by way of Amends, before he would set out on his Journey after his Friends. But on the Third Night he got very much in Drink ; and as he went very boisterously and disorderly along, a Sentry challeng'd him ; and the want of the Sense of Hearing had like to have occasion'd the Loss of his Life. The Sentry fir'd at him and narrowly miss'd him ; He was taken Prisoner, not without some Resistance, which was so far Innocent, as that he knew not any reason, why he should be seized ; but very troublesome and unwarrantable

ble in so orderly a Town; so the Governor's Secretary, after the matter was examined into, judging it better for the unhappy Gentleman's future Safety, advis'd him to return home to his own Country, and accordingly bespoke him a Place in a *Dutch* Ship called *Yowfrow Catherine*, for his Passage to *England*.

*Duncan Campbell* had taken up this Humour of rambling first, of his own accord, and the Troubles which he had run himself into by it, we may reasonably suppose, had pretty well cur'd him of that extravagant Itch; and there is little doubt to be made, but that he rejoyc'd very heartily, when he was got on Board the Ship to return to *England*; and that, in his new Resolutions, he had reconciled himself to the Prosecution of his former Profession, and intended to set up for a *Predictor* again as soon as he could arrive at *London*. But now Fortune had not a Mind to let him go off so; he had had his own Fancy for rambling, and now she was resolv'd to have hers, and to give him his bellyful of Caprice. Accordingly when the *Dutch* Ship called *Yowfrow Catherine*, was making the best of her Road for *London*, and each Person in the Vessel was making merry, fill'd with the Hopes of a quick and prosperous Passage; a *French* Privateer appeared in sight, crouding all the Sails she could, and bearing towards them with all haste and diligence. The Privateer was double-mann'd, and carry'd Thirty



ty Guns : The *Dutch* Vessel was defenceless in comparifon ; and the People on Board had fcarce time to think, and to deplore that they fhould be made a Prey of, before they actually were *fo*, and had Reason enough given them for their Sorrow. All the Paffengers, to a fingle Man, were ftripp'd, and had *French* Sea-mens Jackets in exchange for their Cloaths. *Duncan Campbell* had now a Taffe given him of the Fate of War, as well as of the Humour of travelling, and wifh'd himfelf again, I warrant him, among his greateft Croud of Confulters, as tirefome as he thought Bufinefs to be, inftead of being in the Middle of a Crew of *Sea-Savages*. The Town, where the Dumb-prifoner was at laft confin'd, was *Denain*. There happened to be fome *English* Fryers there, who were told by the others, who he was, and to them he apply'd himfelf in writing, and receiv'd from them a great deal of civil Treatment. But a certain Man of the Order of *Recolle&ts*, happening to fee him there, who had known him in *England*, and what Profeflion he followed, caufed him to be called to Queftion as a Man that made ufe of ill means to tell Fortunes. When he was queftion'd by a whole Society of thefe religious Men, he made them fuch pertinent and fatisfactory Answers in writing, that he convinced them he had done nothing for which he deferv'd their Reprimand ; and they unanimoouly acquitted him. The Heads of  
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his Defence, as I have been informed, were these.

*First*, He alledg'd that the *Second Sight* was in-born and in-bred in some Men ; and that every Country had had Examples of it more or less ; but that the Country of *Scotland*, in which he was educated from an Infant, abounded the most of any with those sort of People : And from thence he said he thought he might very naturally draw this Conclusion, that a Faculty that was in-born and in-bred to Men, and grown almost a national Faculty among a People, who were remarkably Honest, Upright and well-meaning People, could not, without some Impiety, be imputed to the Possessors of it as a Sin ; and when one of the Fathers rejoin'd, that it was remark'd by several Writers, of the *Second Sight*, that it must be therefore *Sinful*, because it remain'd no longer among the People when the Doctrines of Christianity were fully propagated, and the Light of the Gospel increased among them ; and that afterwards it affected none but Persons of vicious Lives and an ill Character. To this Objection Mr. *Campbell* reply'd, that he knew most (even ingenious) Writers had made that Remark concerning the *Second Sight*, but beg'd leave to be excused, if he ventured to declare, that it was no better than a vulgar and common Error ; and the Reasons were these, which he alledg'd in his own behalf, and to confirm his Assertion,

Assertion; he told them Men of undoubted Probity, Virtue and Learning, both of *their own Religion*, (*viz.* the *Roman Catholick*) and also of *the Reform'd Religion*, and in several Nations had been affected, and continued all their Lives to be affected, with this *Second sighted* Power, and that there could be therefore no room to fix upon it the odious Character of being a sinful and vicious (not to say that some call'd it still worse, a diabolical) Talent. He said he would content himself with making but two Instances, because he believ'd those Two would be enough to give Content to them, his Judges too, in that Case. In his first Instance he told them that they might find somewhat relating to this in *Nicolaus Hemingius*, who in his *Traëts de Superstitionibus Magicis*, printed at *Copenhagen*, Anno 1575, informs the World; that *Petrus Palladius*, a Bishop of *Seelandt*, and Professor of Divinity at *Copenhagen*, could, from a part of his Body affected, foretel from what part of the Heavens Tempests would come, and was seldom deceiv'd. One of the Father's immediately ask'd him if he understood *Latin*?-----To this *Duncan Campbell* reply'd no. Oh! Said the Fryer then, I don't remember that Book was ever translated into *English* that you mention :-----But rejoin'd *Duncan Campbell*, the Passage I mention'd to you, I have read in an *English* Book, and Word for Word, according to the best of my Memory,

as I have written it down to you.-----In what *English* Book said the Fryer?-----I don't remember the Name of the Book, *Duncan Campbell* answer'd, but very well remember the Passages, and that it was in a Book of Authority, and which bore a Credit and good Repute in the World ; and you being Scholars, may, if you please, have recourse to the learned Original, and I doubt not but you'll find, what I say, to be a Truth.-----For the Second Instance, he told them ; that, in *Spain*, there are those they call *Saludadores*, that have this kind of Gift. There was (continued he in Writing) one of your own Religion, venerable Fathers, and of a religious Order, nay a Fryer too, that had this Gift : He was a noted *Dominican*, said he, and though I forget his Name, you may by writing a Letter to *England* learn his Name. He was a devout *Portuguese* belonging to Queen *Catherine Dowager's* Chappel ; and had the *Second Sight* to a great degree, and was famous and eminent for it. They then ask'd him what was the full Power he had to do by the *Second Sight* : He answer'd, that as they had intimated, that they had perused some of the skilful Writers concerning the *Second Sight*, he did not doubt but they had found (as well as he could tell them) that as to the Extent of Peoples Knowledge in that secret way, it reach'd both present, past, and future Events. They foresee Murders, Drownings, Weddings, Burials,

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Combats, Manſlaughters, &c. of all which there are many Inſtances to be given. They commonly foreſee ſad Events a little while before they happen; for Inſtance, if a Man's fatal End be Hanging, they'll ſee a Gibbet, or Rope about his Neck; if Beheading, they'll ſee a Man without a Head; if Drowning, they'll ſee Water up to his Throat; if Stabbing, they'll ſee a Dagger in his Breſt; if unexpected Death in his Bed, they'll ſee a winding Sheet about his Head: They foretel not only Marriages, but of good Children, what kind of Life Men ſhall lead, and in what Condition they ſhall die, alſo Riches, Honours, Preferments, Peace, Plenty, and good Weather: It's likewiſe uſual with Perſons, that have loſt any Thing, to go to ſome of theſe Men, by whom they are directed, how, with what Perſons, and in what Place, they ſhall find their Goods. It is alſo to be noted, that theſe Gifts bear a Latitude, ſo that ſome have it in a far more eminent Degree than others; and what I have here written down to you, you need not take as a Truth from me, but as it concern'd me ſo nearly, I remember the Paſſage by heart, and you will find it very near Word for Word, in Dr. Beaumont's Book of *familiar Spirits*. Ay ſaid the Fryers, but you have a *Genius* too that attends you as we are inform'd. So, reply'd *Duncan Campbell*, have all Perſons, that have the *Second Sight* in any eminent Degree; and to prove this I will bring



bring no less a Witness than King *James*, who, in his *Demonology*, Book the Third and Chapter the Second, mentions also a Spirit call'd *Brownie*, that was wont formerly to haunt divers Houses, without doing any Evil, but doing, as it were, necessary turns up and down the House; he appear'd like a rough Man; nay, some believ'd, that their House was all the *Sonfier*, as they call'd it, that is, the more lucky, or fortunate, that such Spirits resorted there. With these replies the Fryers began to own they were very well satisfy'd, and acquiesc'd in the Account he had given of himself, as a very good, true, and honest Account: But they told him they had still a further Accusation against him, and that was that he practis'd Magick Arts, and that he us'd, as they had been inform'd, unlawful Incantations. To this he made Answer, that there were two Kinds of Magick, of which, he knew, they, that were Men of learning, could not be ignorant. The Art Magick, which is Wicked and Impious, continued he; is that which is profess'd, and has been profess'd at all Times in the World, by *Witches*, *Magicians*, *Diviners*, *Inchanters*, and such like notorious Profligates, who by having an unnatural Commerce with the Devil, do many strange, prodigious, and preternatural Acts above and beyond all humane Wisdom; and all the Arguments I ever did or ever will deduce (continued he) from that black Art, is a

good and a shining Argument : It is this, O Fathers, I draw a Reason from these prodigious Practices of *Wizards, Magicians, Inchanters, &c.* and from all the Heathen Idolatry and Superstition, to prove, that there is a *Deity* ; for from these Acts of theirs, being preternatural and above humane Wisdom, we may consequently infer that they proceed from a supernatural and immaterial Cause, such as *Demons* are. And this is all the Knowledge I ever did or ever will draw from that black hellish Art. But (Fathers !) there is another Kind of Art Magick call'd natural Magick, which is directly opposite to theirs, and the Object of which Art is to do spiritual Good to Mankind, as the Object of theirs is to torment them, and induce them to Evil. They afflict People with Torments, and my Art relieves them from the Torments they cause. The publick Profession of these *Magical Arts* has (as you know, Fathers, 'tis a common Distinction between *black* and *white* Magick,) been tolerated in some of the most famous Universities of *Christendom*, though afterwards for a very good Reason in *Politics*, making it a publick Study to such a Degree was very wisely retrench'd by a Prohibition. If this therefore be a Fault in your own Opinions, hear my *Accusers*, but if not you will not only *excuse* but *commend* me.

The Fryers were extreamly well pleased with his Defence : But one of them had a  
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Mind to frighten him a little if he could, and ask'd him what he would say, if he could produce some Witches lately seiz'd, that would swear he had been frequently at their unlawful Assemblies, where they were making their waxen Images, and other odd mischievous Inventions in black Magick, to torment Folks; what if I can produce such Evidence against you, wrote the Father to him by way of strengthening the Question, will you not own that we have convicted you then? And when he had wrote the Note he gave it *Duncan Campbell*, with a Look that seem'd to express his Warmth and Earnestness in the Expostulation. *Duncan Campbell* took the Paper and read it, and far from being startled, return'd this Answer, with a Smile continuing in his Face, while he wrote it. No said he, Fathers, by your leave, they will only prove me a good Magician by that Oath, and themselves more plainly Witches. They will prove their Love to torment good Folks, and only shew their Hatred to me an innocent Man, but wise enough to torment 'em by hindering 'em from tormenting others. The Fathers were well pleas'd with the Shrewdness of the Answer: But *Duncan Campbell* had a mind to exert his Genius a little farther with the good Fryer, who thought likewise he had put him a very shrew'd Question; so taking up another Sheet of Paper; Fathers, said he, shall I entertain you with a Story of what pass'd,

upon this Head, between two religious Fathers (as you all of you are) and a Prince of *Germany*, in which you will find that mine ought to be reputed a full Answer to the Question, the last learned Father was pleased to propose to me? The Story is somewhat long, but very much to the purpose, and entertaining: I remember it perfectly by heart, and if you will have Patience while I am writing it, I don't doubt but that I shall not only satisfy you, but please you, and oblige you, with the Relation. The Author I found it in quotes it from *Fromannus* (I think the Man's Name was so, and I am sure my Author calls him a very learned Man) in his Third Book of *Magical Incantation*, and, tho' I don't understand the Language the Original is writ in, yet I dare venture to say upon the Credit of my *English* Author, from whom I got the Story by heart, that you will find me right, when ever you shall be pleased to search.

The Fryers were earnest for the Story and express'd a desire that he would write it down for them to read, which he did in the following Words. *Note ; that I have since compared Mr. Duncan Campbell's Manuscript with the Author's Page out of which he took it, and find it Word for Word the same ; which shews how incomparable a Memory this deaf and dumb Gentleman has got, besides his*  
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other extraordinary Qualifications. The Story is this.

“ A Prince of Germany invited two religious Fathers, of eminent Virtue and Learning, to a Dinner. The Prince, at Table, said to one of them: Father! Think you we do right in hanging Persons, who are accused by Ten or Twelve Witches, to have appear’d at their Meetings or Sabbath? I somewhat fear we are imposed on by the Devil, and that it is not a safe Way to Truth, that we walk in by these Accusations; especially, since many great and learned Men every where begin to cry out against it, and to charge our Consciences with it: Tell me therefore your Opinion. To whom the Fathers being somewhat of an eager Spirit said: What should make us doubtful in this Case? Or what should touch our Consciences, being convicted by so many Testimonies? Can we make it a Scruple, whether God will permit innocent Persons should be so traduc’d? There is no Cause for a Judge to stick at such a Number of Accusations, but he may proceed with Safety. To which when the Prince had reply’d, and much had been said *Pro* and *Con* on both Sides about it, and the Father seem’d wholly to carry the Point, the Prince at length concluded the Dispute; saying, I am sorry for you, Father, that in a Capital Cause you have con-

“ demn’d yourself, and you cannot complain if  
 “ I commit you to Custody: For no less than  
 “ Fifteen Witches have deposed, that they  
 “ have seen you, ay, start not! You your own  
 “ self, at their Meetings: And to show you that  
 “ I am not in Jest, I will presently cause the  
 “ publick Acts to be brought, for you to read  
 “ them. The Father stood in a Maze, and  
 “ with a dejected Countenance had nothing  
 “ here to oppose but Confusion and Silence, for  
 “ all his learned Eloquence. „

As soon as Mr. Campbell had wrote down  
 the Story; the Fathers perused it, and seem-  
 ed mightily entertain’d with it. It put an  
 end to all further Questions, and the Man,  
 whom they had been trying for a Conjurer,  
 they joined in desiring, upon distinct Pieces  
 of Paper, under their several Hands, to come  
 frequently and visit them, as being not only  
 a harmless and innocent, but an extraordi-  
 nary well-meaning good and diverting Com-  
 panion. They treated him for sometime af-  
 terwards during his Stay, with the Friend-  
 ship due to a Country-man, with the Civi-  
 lity that is owing to a Gentleman, and with  
 the Assistance and Support, which belong’d  
 to a Person of Merit in Distress. Money they  
 had none themselves it seems to give him,  
 being *Mendicants*, by their own Profession;  
 but they had Interest enough to get him quite  
 free from being Prisoner; he participated of  
 their *Elemosinary Table*, had a Cell allow’d him  
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among them in what they call their *Dormitory*; he had an odd Coat and a pair of Trowzers made out of some of their brown coarse Habits, by the poor unfashionable Taylor or *Botcher* belonging to the Convent, and at last they found means of recommending him to a Master of a *French Vessel*, that was ready to set Sail, to give him a cast over the Channel to *England*; and to provide him with the Necessaries of Life, till he got to the Port. This *French Vessel* was luckier than the *Dutch one* had been before to our dumb Gentleman, it had a quick and prosperous Passage, and arriv'd at *Portsmouth*; and as soon as he landed there, he having experienc'd the Misfortunes and Casualties, that a Man in his Condition wanting both Speech and hearing was liable to, in Places where he was an utter Stranger to every Body, resolv'd to make no Stay but move on as fast as he could towards *London*. When he came to *Hampton Town*, considering the indifferent Figure he made, in those odd kind of Cloaths, which the poor Fryers had equipp'd him with, and that his long Beard and an uncomb'd Wigg added much to the Disguise; he was resolved to put on the best Face, he could, in those awkward Circumstances, and stepp'd into the first Barber's Shop he came at to be trimm'd and get his Wigg comb'd and powder'd. This proved a very lucky Thought to him; for as soon as he stepp'd into the first Barber's Shop, who

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should prove to be the Master of it, but one *Tobit Yeats*, who had served him in the same Capacity at *London*, and was but newly set up in the Trade of a Barber-Surgeon at *Hamp-ton Town*, and followed likewise the Profession of School-master. This *Tobit Yeates* had shaved him quite, before he knew him in that Disguise ; and Mr. *Campbell*, though he knew him presently, had a mind to try if he should be known himself first : At length the Barber finding him to be a dumb Man by his ordering every thing with Motions of the Hand, and Gestures of the Body, look'd at him very earnestly, remember'd him, and in a great Surprize, called for Pen, Ink and Paper, and begg'd to know how he came to be in that Disguise ; whether he was under any Misfortune, and Apprehension of being discover'd, that made him go in so poor and so clownish a Habit, and tender'd him any Services, as far as his little Capacity would reach, and desir'd him to be free, and command him ; if he was able to assist him in any thing. These were the most comfortable Words, that *Duncan Campbell* had read a great while. He took the Pen and Paper in his turn ; related to him his whole Story, gave the poor Barber thanks for his good natured Offer, and said he would make so much use of it, as to be indebted to him for so much Money as would pay the Stage Coach, and bear him in his travelling Expences up to *London*, from whence



whence he would speedily return the Favour with Interest. The poor honest Fellow, out of Gratitude to a Master, whose Liberality he had formerly experienc'd, immediately furnish'd Mr. *Duncan Campbell* with that little Supply, expressing the Gladness of his Heart that it lay in his Power; and the Stage Coach being to set out within but a few Hours, he ran instantly to the Inn to see if he could get him a Place. By good luck there was Room, and but just Room for one more, which pleas'd *Duncan Campbell* mightily when he was acquainted with it by his true and trusty Servant the Barber; for he was as impatient to see *London* again, it seems, as he had been before to quit it. Well, he had his Wish; and when he came to *London*, he had one Wish more for Fortune to bestow upon him, which appear'd to begin to grow kind again, after her fickle Fit of Cruelty was over; and this Wish was, that he might find his former Lodgings empty, and live in the same House, as he did, when he follow'd his Profession. This too succeeded according to his Desire, and he was happily fix'd once more to his Heart's Content in his old Residence, with the same People of the House round about him, who bore him all that Respect and Affection (and shew'd all that Readiness and Willingness to serve him on every Occasion and at every turn) which could be expected from Persons, that let Lodgings in Town to

a Gentleman, whom they esteem'd the best Tenant they ever had in their Lives or ever could have.

Immediately the Tidings of the dumb Gentleman's being return'd home from beyond Sea, spread throughout all the Neighbourhood, and it was nois'd about from one Neighbourhood to another, till it went through all Ranks and Conditions, and was known as well in a Day or Two's Time, all the Town over, as if he had been some great Man belonging to the State, and his Arrival had been notified to the Publick in the *Gazette*, as a Person of the last Importance. And such a Person he appear'd indeed to be taken for, especially among the fair Sex, who throng'd to his Doors, Croud after Croud, to consult with him, about their future Occurrences in Life.

These curious Tribes of People, were as various in their Persons, Sex, Age, Quality, Profession, Art, Trade, as they were in the Curiosity of their Minds, and the Questions they had intended to propound to this *dumb Predictor* of strange Events, that lay yet as Embrio's in the Womb of Time, and were not to come, some of them, to a Maturity for Birth, for very many Years after, just as porcelain Clay is stored up in the Earth by good Artificers, which their Heirs make *China* of half a Century, and sometimes more than an Age, afterwards,

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These Shoals of Customers, who were to see him well for his Advice as we may suppose, now he stood in need of raising a fresh Stock, were unquestionably, as welcome and acceptable to him, as they appeared too troublesome to him before, when he was in a State of more Wealth and Plenty.

Fortune, that does nothing moderately, seem'd now resolv'd, as she had been extremely cruel before, to be extremely kind to him. He had nothing to do from early in the Morning till late at Night, but to read Questions, and resolve them as fast, as much frequented Doctors write their Prescriptions and Recipe's, and like them also to receive Fees as fast. Fortune was indeed mightily indulgent to the Wants she had so suddenly reduc'd him to, and reliev'd him as suddenly by these *Knots* of *Curioso's*, who brought him a Glut of Money. But one single fair Lady, that was one of his very first Consulters after his Return, and who had receiv'd satisfactory Answers from him in other Points, before he went abroad ; prov'd (so good Fortune would have it) worth all the rest of his Customers together, as numerous as they were, and as I have accordingly represented them.

This Lady was the Relict or Widow of a Gentleman of a good Estate, and of a very good Family, whose Name was *Digby*, and a handsome Jointure she had out of the Estate. This Lady, it seems, having been with  
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him in former Days, and seen him in a more shining Way of Life, (for he had taken a Humour to appear before all his Company in that coarse odd Dress, made out of the Fryer's Habit, and would not be perswaded by the People of the House to put on a Nightgown, till he could provide himself with a new Suit) was so curious, among other Questions, as to ask him, whether he had met with any Misfortunes, and how he came to be in so slovenly and wretched a Habit? Here Mr. *Campbell* related the whole Story of his Travels to her, and the Crosses and Disappointments he had met with abroad. The Tears, he observ'd, would start every now and then into her Eyes, when she came to any doleful Passage, and she appear'd to have a mighty compassionate kind of feeling, when she read of any Hardship more than ordinarily melancholy, that had befallen him. Mr. *Campbell*, it is certain, had then a very good Presence, and was a handsome and portly young Man; and, as a great many young Gentlemen derive the seeming Agreeableness of their Persons from the Taylor and Perruque-maker, the Shoe-maker and Hosier, so Mr. *Campbell's* Person on the other Hand gave a good Air and a good Look to the awkward Garb he had on; and I believe, it was from seeing him in this odd Trim (as they call it,) the Ladies first took up the humour of calling him *the handsome Sloven*: Add to this that he



he look'd his Misfortune in the Face with a jolly Countenance, and smiled even while he was penning the Relation of his Calamities : All which are certainly Circumstances that first sooth a generous Mind into a State of Compassion, and afterwards heighten it in the Breast wherein it is conceiv'd. Hence it came that this pretty and good natur'd Widow, Mrs. Digby, when she had express'd her Commiseration of him by her Looks, began to take the Pen and express it in very tender Terms : Neither did she think that Expression in Words a sufficient Testimony of the Compassion she bore to him ; the Generosity of her Mind did lead her to express it in a more substantial manner still, and that was to shew it plainly by a very benevolous Action. She laid a Purse of Twenty Guineas before the Table, and at the same time smiling, pointed to the Table, as signifying her desire that he would accept it, and running to the Door drop'd a Curtsey, and skuttled away ; and by the same civil Act as she oblig'd him, she put it out of his Power to refuse being so oblig'd ; so that, though the Present was very handsome, the manner of giving it was still handsomer. If being a handsome young Man of Merit in Distress, and bearing his Misfortunes with an equal Mind, are powerful Motives to excite Compassion in the Mind of a generous Lady, so the Generosity of a young agreeable Widow express'd in so kind and so bene-

benevolous a Way, to a young Gentleman, when he had been tasting nothing but the bitter Draughts of Fortune before, must stir up an Affection in a Mind that had any sense of Gratitude: And truly just such was the Effect that this Lady's Civility had upon Mr. *Duncan Campbell*. He conceiv'd, from that Moment, a very great Affection for her; and resolv'd to try whether he could gain her, which he had no small Grounds to hope, from the Esteem, which she appear'd to bear towards him already. I remember Mr. *Dryden* makes a very beautiful Observation of the near Alliance there is between the Two Passions of Pity and Love in a Woman's Breast, in one of his Plays. His Words are these: *For Pity still fore-runs approaching Love As Light'ning does the Thunder.* Mr. *Bruyere* a most ingenious Member of the French Academy has made another Remark, which comes home to our present purpose. He says, *That many Women love their Money better than their Friends; but yet value their Lovers more than their Money.* According to the Two Reflections of these fine Writers upon the Tempers of the Fair, Mr. *Campbell* had hopes enough to ground his Courtship upon; and it appeared so in the End by his proving Successful: She from being a very liberal and friendly Client, became at last a most Affectionate Wife. He then began to be a House-keeper, and accordingly took a little neat one,  
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and very commodious for his Profession, in *Monmouth* Court. Here I must take leave to make this Observation; That, if Mr. *Campbell* inherited the Talents of his second-sighted Mother, he seem'd likewise to be an Heir to his Father Mr. *Archibald Campbell*, both in his strange and accidental Sufferings by Sea, and likewise in his being reliev'd from them, after as accidental and strange a manner, by an unexpected Marriage, just like his Father's. And here we return again to take a new Survey of him in the course of his publick Practice as a Predictor. The Accounts I shall give of his Actions here, will be very various in their Nature from any I have yet presented to the Reader; they are more mysterious in themselves, and yet I shall endeavour to make the manner of his operating in this kind as plain as (I think) I have the foregoing ones, and then I flatter my self they must afford a fresh Entertainment for every Reader, that has any curiosity and a good taste for things of so extraordinary a Kind. For what I have all along propounded to myself from the beginning, and in the progress to the end of this History, is, to interweave entertaining and surprising Narratives of what Mr. *Campbell* has done, with curious and instructive Enquiries into the nature of those Actions, for which he has rendred himself so singularly famous. It was not therefore suitable to my purpose, to clog

the Reader with numerous Adventures almost all of the same Kind, but out of a vast number of them to single some few of those that were most remarkable, and that were Mysteries, but Mysteries of very different sorts. I leave that Method of swelling distorted and commented Trifles into Volumes, to the writers of Fable and Romance; if I was to tell his Adventures with regard, for Example, to Women that came to consult him, I might perhaps have not only written the Stories of eleven thousand Virgins that died Maids, but have had Relations to give of as many marry'd Women and Widows, and the Work would have been endless. All that I shall do therefore is to pick out one particular each of a different Kind, that there may be variety in the Entertainment. Upon Application to this Dumb Man, one is told in the middle of her Health, that she shall die at such a time; another, that she shall sicken, and upon the moment of her recovery, have a Suiter and a Husband; a Third, who is a celebrated Beauty with a multitude of Admirers round about her, that she shall never become a Wife; a Fourth that is marry'd, when she shall get rid of an uneasy Husband; a Fifth that hath lost her Goods, who stole them, where and when they shall be restored; a Sixth, that is a Merchant, when he shall be Undone, and how and when he shall recover his Losses, and be as great on  
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the *Exchange* as ever ; a seventh, that is a Gamester, which will be his winning and which his losing Hour ; an eighth, how he shall be involv'd in a Law-suit, and whether the Suit will have an adverse or a prosperous Issue ; a ninth, that is a Woman, with choice of Lovers, which she shall be most happy with for Life ; and so on to many others, where every Prediction is perfectly new and surprizing, and differs from the other in almost every Circumstance. When a Man has so extensive a Genius as this at foretelling the future Occurrences of Life, one Narrative of a sort is enough in Conscience to present the Reader with, and several of each kind would not methinks be entertaining, but tiresome ; for he that can do one thing in these kinds by the power of Prediction, can do ten thousand ; and those who are obstinate in extenuating his Talents, and calling his Capacity in question, and that will not be convinc'd by one Instance of his Judgment, would not own the conviction if ten thousand Instances were given them. The best Passages I can recommend to their Perusal, are those, where Persons, who came purposely to banter him under the colour of consulting him, and cover'd over their sly Intentions with borrow'd Disguises, and came in Masquerades, found all the Jest turn'd upon themselves in the End, which they meant to our famous

Predictor, and had the discouragement of seeing their most conceal'd and deepest laid Plots discovered, and all their most witty Fetches and wily Contrivances defeated, till they were compelled universally to acknowledge, that endeavouring to impose upon the Judgment of our *Seer*, by any hidden Artifice and Cunning whatsoever, was effectually imposing upon their own. His unusual Talent in this kind was so openly known, and so generally confess'd, that his Knowledge was celebrated in some of the most witty Weekly Papers that ever appear'd in Publick. *Isaac Bickerstaff*, who diverted all the *Beaumont* for a long space of time with his Lucubrations, takes occasion in several of his Papers, to applaud the Speculations of this dumb Gentleman in an admirable vein of Pleasantry and Humour, peculiar tot he Writer, and to the Subject he writ upon. And when that bright Author, who join'd the uttermost Facetiousness with the most solid Improvements of Morality and Learning in his Works, laid aside the Title of a *Tatler*, and assumed the Name of a *Spectator* and Censor of Men's Actions, he still every now and then thought our *Duncan Campbell* a Subject worthy enough to employ his farther Considerations upon. I must take notice of one Letter sent concerning him to the *Spectator*, in the Year, 1712, which was at a time when a Lady wanted

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him, after he had remov'd from *Monmouth Street* to *Drury Lane*.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

“ A Bout two Years ago I was called upon  
 “ by the younger part of a Country  
 “ Family, by my Mother’s side related to  
 “ me, to visit Mr. *Campbell* the dumb Man;  
 “ for they told me that was chiefly what  
 “ brought them to Town, having heard  
 “ Wonders of him in *Effex*. I, who always  
 “ wanted Faith in such Matters, was not  
 “ easily prevailed on to go; but lest they  
 “ should take it ill, I went with them, when,  
 “ to my own surprize, Mr. *Campbell* related  
 “ all their past Life; (in short, had he not  
 “ been prevented, such a Discovery would  
 “ have come out, as would have ruin’d their  
 “ next Design of coming to Town, viz.  
 “ buying Wedding Cloaths.) Our Names—  
 “ tho’ he never heard of us before, and we  
 “ endeavoured to conceal, were as familiar  
 “ to him as to ourselves. To be sure, Mr.  
 “ *Spectator*, he is a very *learned* and *wise*  
 “ Man. Being impatient to know my For-  
 “ tune, having paid my Respects in a *Family*  
 “ *Jacobus*, he told me (after his manner)  
 “ among several other things, that in a Year  
 “ and nine Months I should fall ill of a  
 “ new Fever, be given over by my Physi-  
 “ ans, but should with much difficulty re-

“ cover : That the first time I took the Air  
 “ afterwards, I should be address’d to by a  
 “ young Gentleman of a plentiful Fortune,  
 “ good Sense, and a generous Spirit. Mr.  
 “ *Spectator*, he is the purest Man in the  
 “ World, for all he said is come to pass,  
 “ and I am the happiest *She* in *Kent*. I  
 “ have been in Quest of Mr. *Campbell* these  
 “ three Months, and cannot find him out :  
 “ Now hearing you are a dumb Man too,  
 “ I thought you might correspond and be a-  
 “ ble to tell me something ; for I think my  
 “ self highly obliged to make his Fortune,  
 “ as he has mine. ’Tis very possible your  
 “ Worship, who has Spies all over this Town,  
 “ can inform me how to send to him : If  
 “ you can, I beseech you be as speedy as pos-  
 “ sible, and you will highly oblige your con-  
 “ stant Reader and Admirer,

*Dulcibella Thankley.*

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*The SPECTATOR's Answer.*

“ **O**RDERED, That the Inspector I employ about Wonders, enquire at the  
 “ *Golden-Lion* opposite to the *Half-Moon*  
 “ Tavern in *Drury-lane* into the Merit of  
 “ this silent Sage, and report accordingly.  
 — *Vide* the 7th Volume of *Spectators* No.  
 474. being on *Wednesday September* the 3d.  
 1712.

But now let us come to those Passages of his Life the most surprizing of all, during the time that he enjoy'd this Reputation, and when he prov'd that he deserved the Fame he enjoy'd. Let us take a Survey of him while he is wonderfully curing Persons labouring under the misfortune of Witchcraft, of which the following Story will be an eminent Instance, and likewise clear up how he came by his Reputation in *Essex*, as mentioned in the above-mentioned Letter to the *Spectator*.

In the Year 1709, *Susanna Johnson*, Daughter to one Captain *Johnson*, who liv'd at a place adjacent to *Rumford* in *Essex*, going one Morning to that Town to buy Butter at the Market, was met there by an old miserable-looking Woman, just as she had taken some of her Change of the Mar-

ketwoman in Copper, and this old Woman rather demanded than begg'd the Gentlewoman to give her a Penny. Mrs. *Johnson* reputing her to be one of those hateful People that are call'd sturdy Beggars, refused it her, as thinking it to be no act of Charity, and that it would be rather gratifying and indulging her Impudence, than supplying or satisfying her Indigence. Upon the refusal, the old Hag with a Face more wrinkl'd still, if possible, by Anger, than it was by Age, took upon her to storm at young Mrs. *Johnson* very loudly, and to threaten and menace her : But when she found her common Threats and Menaces were of no avail, she swore she would be reveng'd of the young Creature in so signal a manner, that she should repent the Denial of that Penny from her Heart before she got home, and that it should cost her many Pounds to get rid of the Consequences of that Denial and her Anger. The poor innocent Girl despised these last words likewise, and getting up on Horseback, return'd Homewards ; But just as she got about half way her Horse stop'd, and no means that she could use would make him advance one single step ; but she staid a while to see if that would humour him to go on. At last the Beast began to grow unruly, and snorted and trembled as if he had seen or smelt something that frightened him, and so fell a kicking desperately till he threw the

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the Girl from the Saddle, not being able to cling to it any longer, tho' a pretty good Horfewoman of her Years ; fo much were the Horfe's Motions and Plungings more than ordinarily violent.

As Providence would have it, ſhe got not much harm by the Fall, receiving only a little Bruife in the right Shoulder ; but ſhe was dreadfully frightened. This Fear added Wings to her Feet, and brought her home as ſpeedily of herſelf as ſhe uſually came on Horſeback. She immediately, without any other ſign of Illneſs than the pallid Colour with which Fear had diſorder'd the Complexion of her Face, alarm'd all the Family at home with the Story, took her Bed upon it, complain'd of inward Rackings of the Belly, and was never at eaſe unleſs ſhe lay doubled up together her Head to her Knees, and her Heels to her Rump, juſt like a Figure of 8. She could not be a ſingle Moment out of that Poſture without ſhrieking out with the violence of anxious Torments and racking Pains.

In this condition of Miſery, amidſt this agony of Suffering, and in this double Poſture, was the poor wretched young Gentlewoman brought to Town ; Phyſicians were conſulted about her, but in vain ; ſhe was carry'd to different Hoſpitals for aſſiſtance, but their Endeavours likewise prov'd ineffectual : At laſt ſhe was conducted to the College

lege of Physicians; and even the collective Wisdom of the greatest Sages and Adepts in the Science of Physick was pos'd to give her any Prescription that would do her service, and relieve her from the inexplicable Malady she labour'd under. The poor incurable Creature was one constant Subject of her complaining Mother's Discourse in every Company she came into. It hapned at last, and very providentially truly, that the Mother was thus condoling the Misfortune of her Child among five or six Ladies, and telling them among other things, that by the most skilful Persons she was look'd upon to be bewitch'd, and that 'twas not within the power of Physick to compass her Recovery: They all having been acquainted with our Mr. *Duncan Campbell*, unanimously advised her to carry her Daughter to his House and consult with him about her. The Mother was overjoy'd at these tidings, and purposed to let no time slip where her Child's Health was so deeply concerned. She got the Ladies to go with her and her Child, to be Eye-witnesses of so extraordinary a piece of Practice, and so eminent a trial of Skill.

As soon as this dismal Object was brought into his Room, Mr. *Duncan Campbell* lifted up her Head and look'd earnestly in her Face, and in less than a Minute's time signify'd to the Company, that she was not only bewitch'd, but in as dreadful a Condition almost



most as the Man that had a Legion of Fiends within him.

At the reading of these words the unhappy Creature rais'd up her Head, turn'd her Eyes upwards, and a Smile (a thing she had been a stranger to for many Months) overspread her whole Face, and such a kind of Colour as is the flushing of Joy and Gladness, and with an innocent tone of Voice she said, *she now had a firm belief she should shortly be deliver'd.* The Mother and the rest of the Company were all in Tears, but Mr. *Campbell* wrote to them that they should be of good Heart, be easy and quiet for a few Moments, and they should be convinc'd that it was Witchcraft, but happily convinc'd by seeing her so suddenly well again. This brought the Company into pretty good Temper; and a little after, Mr. *Campbell* desir'd she might be led up Stairs into his Chamber and left there alone with him for a little while; this occasioned some small Female Speculation, and as much Mirth as their late Sorrow, alleviated with the hopes of her Cure, would permit.

This you may be sure was but a snatch of Mirth, just as the nature of the thing would allow of; and all sorts of Wagery being laid instantly aside, and remov'd almost as soon as conceiv'd, the poor young thing was carry'd in that double Posture up Stairs. She had not been much above half an Hour there, when

when by the help only of Mr. *Campbell's* Arm she was led down Stairs, and descended into that Room full of Company as a Miracle appearing in a Machine from above ; she was led backward and forward in the Room, while all gaz'd at her for a while with joyful Astonishment, for no Arrow was ever more strait than she. Mr. *Campbell* then prevail'd with her to drink a glass of Wine, and immediately after she evacuated Wind, which she had not done for some Months before, and found herself still more amended and easy : And then the Mother making Mr. *Campbell* some small Acknowledgment at that time, with the promise of more, and her Daughter giving Thanks, and all the Company commending his Skill, took their Leaves and departed with great demonstrations of Joy. I shall here, to cut the Story short, signify, that she came frequently afterwards to make her Testimonials of Gratitude to him, and continues to enjoy her Health to this very Day at *Greenwich*, where she now lives, and will at any time, if call'd upon, make Oath of the Truth of this little History, as she told me herself with her own Mouth.

The next thing therefore it behoves me to do in this Chapter is, to give some satisfactory account of Magick, by which such seeming mysterious Cures and Operations are brought about.

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This Task I would perform in the most perspicuous and most convincing manner I can; for Magick I know is held to be a very hard and difficult Study by those Learned, and universally unlawful and diabolical by those Unlearned, who believe there is such a Science attainable by Human Genius. On the other hand, by some Learned Men, who believe there is no such Science, it is represented as an inconsistent System of Superstitions and Chimera's; and again laugh'd at as such by the Unlearned, who are of an incredulous Temper: What I would therefore undertake to do in this place, is to shew the Learned Men, who believe there is such an Art, that the attainment to a tolerable Knowledge of the manner how magical Practices may be brought about, is no such difficult Matter as they have represented it to themselves; and by doing this, I shall make the System of it *so plain*, that while the Learned approve of it, the Unlearned too, who are not of an unbelieving Kind, may understand clearly what I say; and the Learned Men who have rejected this Science as *chimerical*, may be clearly convinced it is *real*; and then there is nothing left but obstinate unbelieving Ignorance, which I shall not here pretend by Arguments to lead into Sense, but leave it to the work of Time. In fine, I will endeavour to induce Men of Sense to say, that, what has been accounted mysterious,

ous, is deliver'd in a plain, easy, and convincing manner, and to own that they approve, while Men of the lower Class of Understanding, shall confess and acknowledge that they themselves understand it, and that what has hitherto been represented as arduous and difficult to a great Genius, is adapted and render'd not only clear, but familiar to Persons of midling Talents. In this Work therefore I shall follow the strictest Order I can (which of all things render a Discourse upon any Subject the most clear;) and that it may be plain to the commonest Capacity, I will first set down what Order I intend to follow.

*First*, I will speak of Magick in general.

*Secondly*, Of Magick under its several Divisions and Subdivisions.

*Thirdly*, Concerning the Object of Art, as it is Good or Bad.

*Fourthly*, Of the Persons exercising that Art in either Capacity of Good or Bad, and by what means they become capacitated to exercise it.

In the *Fifth* place, I shall come to the several Objections against the Art of Magick, and the Refutation of those Objections.

The first Objection shall be against the Existence of good and bad Spirits. The Refutation of which will consist in my proving the Existences of Spirits both Good and Bad, by Reason, and by Experience.



The second Objection that will be brought, is to contain an Allegation that there are no such Persons as Witches now, and an Argument to support that Allegation, drawn from the Incapacity and Impossibility of any thing's making (while itself is incarnate) a Contract with a Spirit. This Objection will be answer'd by proving the reality of Witches from almost Universal Experience, and by explaining rationally the manner how the Devils hold Commerce with Witches; which Explication is back'd and authoriz'd by the Opinion of the most Eminent Divines and the most Learned Physicians.

From hence, *Sixthly* and lastly, We shall conclude on the side of the good Magick, that as there are Witches on the one hand that may afflict and torment Persons with Dæmons, so on the other hand there are lawful and good Magicians that may cast out Dæmons from People that are possess'd with them.

And *First* as to *Magick* in general; *Magick* consists in the Spirit by Faith, for Faith is that MAGNET of the Magicians by which they draw Spirits to them, and by which Spirits they do great things, that appear like Miracles.

*Secondly*, *Magick* is divided into three sorts, viz. *Divine*, *Natural*, and *Diabolical*. And *Natural Magick* is again sub-divided into two kinds, Simple and Compound: And *Natural Compound Magick* is again likewise divided

divided into two Kinds, *viz.* Natural-divine *Magick*, and Natural-diabolical *Magick*. Now, to give the Reader a clear, and a distinct Notion of each several Species of *Magick* here mentioned, I set down the following Definitions.— Divine *Magick* is a Celestial Science, in which all Operations, that are wonderfully brought about, are performed by the Spirit of God.— Natural *Magick* is a Science, in which all the mysterious Acts that are wrought, are compass'd by Natural Spirits.— But as this Natural *Magick* may be exercis'd about things either in a manner indifferent in themselves, or mere morally Good, and then it is mere natural *Magick*; or else about things Theologically good, and transcendently bad; and then it is not merely and Natural *Magick*, but Mix'd and Compound. If Natural *Magick* be exercis'd about the most holy Operations, it is then mix'd with the Divine, and may then be call'd, not improperly, Natural-divine *Magick*. But if Natural *Magick* troubles itself about compassing the wickedest Practices, then is it promiscuous with the *Demoniacal*, and may not improperly be call'd Natural-diabolical *Magick*.

*Thirdly*, The Object of this Art is doing Wonders out of the ordinary appearing course of Nature, which tend either to great good or bad, by the help and Mediation of Spirits good and bad.

*Fourthly*, As to the Persons exercising that Art in either way, whether good or bad, and by what Means they become capacitated to act it, the Notion of this may be easily deduced from the Notions of the Art itself, as considered above in its each different Species; for as all Magick consists in a Spirit, every Magician acts by a Spirit.

Divine Magicians that are of God are spoke of in the sacred Book; and therefore I shall not mention the Passages here, but pass them over (as I ought in a Book like this) with a profound and reverential Silence, as well as the other Passages, which speak of Natural and Dæmoniacal Magicians; and in all I shall speak of them in this Place, I shall only speak of them with Regard to humane Reason and Experience, and conclude this Head with saying, that *Natural Magicians work all Things by the Natural Spirits of the Elements*; but that *Witches and Dæmoniacal Magicians, as Jannes and Jambres in Ægypt were, work their magical Performances by the Spirit of Dæmons*, and 'tis by the Means of these *different Spirits* that these *different Magicians* perform their *different Operations*.

These Things thus distinctly settled and explained, 'tis now we must come and ground the Dispute, between those who believe there are no such Things as *Magicians* of any Kind,

and those who assert there are of all the Kinds above specify'd.

Those who contend there are, have recourse to Experience, and relate many well-witness'd Narratives, to prove, that there have been in all Times, and that there are still Magicians of all these Kinds: But those, who contend that there are no such Persons, will give no ear to what the others call plain Experience; they call the Stories (let whatever Witnesses appear to justify them) either fabulous Legends invented by the Authors, or else Tricks of intellectual *Legerdemain* imposed by the Actors, upon the Relators of those Actions. Since therefore (they say) tho' the Believers in Magick bragg of Experience never so much, it may be but a fallible Experience; they reasonably desire to know, whether these Gentlemen that stand for Magick can answer the Objections which they propose, to prove, that the Practice of Magick, according to the System laid down, is inconsistent with Reason, before they will yield their Assent. Let the Stories be never so numerous, appear never so credible, these unbelieving Gentlemen desire to be try'd by Reason, and aver till that Reason is given; they will not be convinc'd by the *Number* of Stories, because, tho' numerous, they are Stories still, neither will they believe them because they appear credible; because seeming so is  
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not being so, and Appearances, tho' never so fair, when they contradict Reason, are not to be swallowed down with an implicit Faith as so many Realities. And thus far, no doubt, the Gentlemen, who are on the unbelieving Side, are very much in the right on't. The learned Gentlemen on the other hand, who are persuaded of this mighty mysterious Power, being lodged in the Hands of Magicians, answer, that they will take upon them to refute the most subtle Objections brought by the learned Unbelievers, and to reconcile the Practicability of magical Mysteries by the Capacity of Men, who study that Art, to *right Rules* and *Laws* of Reasoning, and to shew, that some Stories (tho' never so prodigious) which are told of Magicians, demand the Belief of wise Men on two Accounts; because as Experience backs Reason on the one hand, Reason backs Experience on the other, and so the Issue of the whole Argument (whether there are Magicians or not) is thrown upon both Experience and Reason. These Arguments on each side, I shall draw up fairly *pro* and *con*; for I don't pretend to be the Inventor of them my self, they belong to other Authors many Years ago; be it enough for me to boast of, if I can draw them up in a better and closer Form together, than they have yet appeared in: In that I take upon my self a very great Task; I erect my self as it were into a kind of a *Judge*; I will sum up the

Evidences on both sides, and I shall, where-ever I see Occasion, intimate which side of the Argument bears the most Weight with me; but when I have enforced my Opinion as far as I think needful, my Readers like a Jury are still at Liberty to bring in their Verdict, just as they themselves shall see fit; and this naturally leads me, where I promised to come to in the fifth Part of this Discourse, to the several Objections against the Power of Art Magick, and the Refutation of those Objections.



*The first Objections being against the Existence of Spirits, and the Refutations thereof.*

THE first Objection, which they who reject Magick make use of, is, denying that there are any such Things as Spirits about which, since those, who defend the Art, say it intirely exerciseth itself, the Objectors contend, that if they can make out that there are no such Beings as Spirits, all Pretensions to the Art must be intirely groundless, and for the future exploded.

To make this Part out, that there are no Spirits, the first Man they produce on their Side is undoubtedly one of very great Credit and Authority, inasmuch as he has justly born for many Centuries the Title of a Prince

Prince of Philosophers. They say, that *Aristotle* in his Book *de Mundo*, reasons thus against the Existence of Spirits, *viz.* That since God can do all Things of himself, he doth not stand in Need of ministring Angels and Dæmons. A Multitude of Servants shewing the Weakness of a Prince.

The Gentlemen, who defend, the Science make this Reply, they allow the Credit and Authority of *Aristotle* as much as the Objectors: But as the Objectors themselves, deny all the Authorities for the Spirits, and desire that Reason may be the only Ground they go upon; so the Refuters, on their Parts, desire, that *Aristotle's ipse dixit* may not be absolutely pass'd upon them for Argument, but that his Words may be brought to the same Touchstone of Reason, and proved if they are Standard. If this Argument, say they, will hold good, *Aristotle* should not suppose Intelligencies moving the Cælestial Spheres; for God sufficeth to move all without ministring Spirits; nor would there be Need of a Sun in the World, for God can enlighten all Things by himself, and so all second Causes were to be taken away; therefore there are Angels and ministring Spirits in the World, for the Majesty of God, not for his Want of them, and for Order, not for his Omnipotency. And here, if the Objectors return and say, who told you that there are Spirits? Is not yours a precarious

Hypothesis? Mayn't we have leave to recri-  
minate in this Place? Pray, who told *Aristo-  
tle* that there were Intelligencies that moved  
the Cælestial Spheres? Is not this Hypothesis  
as precarious as any Man may pretend that  
of Spirits to be? And we believe there are  
few Philosophers at present, who agree with  
*Aristotle* in that Opinion; and we dare pro-  
nounce this to be ours, that *Aristotle* took his  
Intelligencies from the *Hebrews*, who went  
according to the same whimsical, tho' pretty  
Notion, which first gave Rise to the Fiction  
of the Nine Muses: But more than all this, it  
is a very great Doubt among learned Men, whe-  
ther this Book *de Mundo* be *Aristotle's* or no.

The next Thing the Objectors bring a-  
gainst the Existence of Spirits, is, that it is  
Nonsense for Men to say that there are  
such Beings of which it is impossible for a  
Man to have any Notion, and they insist up-  
on it that it is impossible for any Man to form  
an Idea of a spiritual Substance. As to this  
part, the Defendants rejoin, that they think  
our late most judicious Mr. *Lock*, in his elab-  
orate and finish'd Essay on humane Under-  
standing, has fairly made out, that Men have as  
clear a Notion of a *spiritual Substance* as they  
have of *any corporeal Substance, Matter, or  
Body*; and that there is as much Reason for  
admitting the Existence of the *one*, as of the  
*other*; for that if they admit the *latter*, it is  
but Humour in them to deny the *former*. It  
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is in Book the 2d, Chap. 29. where he reasons thus: " If a Man will examine himself, concerning his Notion of pure Substance in general, he will find he has no other Idea of it, but only a Supposition of he knows not what Support of such Quality which are capable of producing simple Ideas in us, which Qualities are commonly called Accidents. Thus if we talk or think of any particular sort of corporeal Substance, as *Horse*, *Stone*, &c. tho' the Idea we have of either of them be but the Complication or Collection of those several simple Ideas, or sensible Qualities, which we use to find united in the Thing call'd *Horse* or *Stone*; yet because we cannot conceive how they should subsist alone not one in another, we suppose them to exist in and be supported by some common Subject, which Support we denote by the Name of Substance, tho' it be certain we have no clear or distinct Idea of that Thing we suppose a Support. The same happens concerning the Operations of our Mind, viz. Thinking, Reasoning, and Fearing, &c. which we concluding not to subsist of themselves, and not apprehending how they can belong to *Body*; we are apt to think these the Actions of *some Substance* which we call *Spirit*: Whereby it's evident, that having no other Notion of Matter, but something, wherein those many sensible Qualities, which affect our Senses, do subsist, by supposing a Substance,

wherein Thinking, Knowing, Doubting, and a Power of Moving, &c. do subsist, we have as *clear* a Notion of the Nature or Substance of *Spirit*, as we have of *Body*; the one being supposed to be (without knowing what is the *Substratum* to those simple Ideas, which we have from without, and the other supposed (with a like Ignorance of what it is) to be the *Substratum* of these Operations which we experiment in ourselves within). 'Tis plain then, that the Idea of corporeal Substance in Matter, is as remote from our Conceptions and Apprehensions as that of spiritual Substance, and therefore from our not having any Notion of the Substance of Spirit, we can no more conclude its not Existence, than we can for the same Reason deny the Existence of Body; it being as rational to affirm there is *no Body*, because we cannot know its Essence, as it's called, or have the Idea of the Substance of Matter, as to say, there is no Spirit, because we know not its Essence, or have no Idea of a spiritual Substance." Mr. *Lock* also comparing our Idea of Spirit with our Idea of Body, thinks there may seem rather less Obscurity in the former than the latter. Our Idea of Body, he takes to be an extended solid Substance, capable of communicating Motion by Impulse; and our Idea of Soul is a Substance that thinks, and has a Power of exciting Motion in Body by Will or Thought. Now, some perhaps will say,

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they comprehend a thinking Thing which perhaps is true; but, he says, if they consider it well, they can no more comprehend an extended Thing; and if they say, they know not what it is thinks in them, they mean they know not what the Substance is of that thinking Thing; no more, says he, do they know what the Substance is of that solid Thing; and if they say, they know not how they think, he says, neither do they know how they are extended, how the solid Parts are united, or where to make Extension, &c.

The learned Monsieur *le Clerc*, who generally knows how far humane Reason can bear, argues consonantly to what is before deliver'd by Mr. *Lock*, in his *Coronis* added to the end of the fourth Volume of his Philosophical Works, in the third Edition of them, where he writes as followeth.

When we contemplate the corporeal Nature, we can see nothing in it but Extension. Divisibility, Solidity, Mobility, and various Determinations of Quantity, or Figures; which being so, it were a rash Thing, and contrary to the Laws of right Reasoning, to affirm other Things of Bodies; and consequently from mere Body, nothing can be deduced by us, which is not joined in a necessary Connexion with the said Properties: Therefore those, who have thought the Properties of perceiving by Sense, of Understanding, Will-  
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ing, Imagining, Remembring, and others the like, which have no Affinity with corporeal Things to have risen from the Body, have greatly transgressed in the Method of right Reasoning and Philosophising, which hath been done by *Epicurus*, and those, who have thought as he did, having affirmed our Minds to be composed of corporeal Atoms: But *whence* shall we say, they have had their Rise? truly, they do not owe their Rise to *Matter* which is wholly destitute of Sense and Thought, nor are they spontaneously sprung up from nothing, it being an *ontological Maxim* of most evident Truth, that *nothing springs from nothing*.

Having thus given the Reader the first Objections made against the Existence of Spirits, and the *Refutations* thereof, I must now frankly own on which side my Opinion leans, and for my Part, it seems manifest to me that there are two Beings; we conceive very plainly and distinctly, *viz. Body and Spirit*, and that it would be as *absurd and ridiculous* to deny the Existence of the *one*, as of the *other*: And really, if the Refuters have got the better in their Way of Reasoning, they have still a much greater Advantage over the Objectors, when they come to back these Reasons with fresh Arguments drawn from Experience. Of this, there having been many undoubted Narratives given in the foregoing  
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Pages, concerning the Apparitions of Spirits, I shall refer the Reader back again to them, and only subjoin here one or two Instances, which may, if required, be prov'd upon Oath, of Spirits seen by two Persons of our *Duncan Campbell's* own Acquaintance. In the Year 1711, one Mrs. *Stephens*, and her Daughter, were together with Mr. *Campbell*, at the House of Mr. *Ramell's*, a very great and noted Weaver at *Haggerstone*, where the rainy Weather detained them till late at Night. Just after the Clock struck Twelve, they all of them went to the Door to see if the Rain had ceased, being extremely desirous to get home. As soon as ever they had open'd the Door and were all got together, their appear'd before them a Thing all in White, the Face seem'd of a dismal pallid Hue, but the Eyes thereof fiery and flaming like Beacons, and of a sawcer Size. It made its Approaches to them, till it came up within the Space of about three Yards of them, there it fixt and stood like a Figure agaze, for some Minutes; and they all stood likewise stiff like the Figure, frozen with Fear, Motionless, and Speechless: When all of a sudden it vanish'd from their Eyes; and that Apparition to the Sight was succeeded by a Noise, or the Appearance of a Noise, like that, which is occasioned by the Fighting of twenty mastiff Dogs.

Not long after, Mrs. *Anne Stephens*, who lived in *Spittlefields*, a Woman well known by her great Dealings with Mercers upon *Ludgate-Hill*, sitting in her House alone, and musing upon Business, happened by Accident to look behind her, and saw a dead Corps, to her thinking, lie extended upon the Floor, just as a dead Corps should be, excepting that the Foot of one Leg was fix'd on the Ground as it is in a Bed, when one lies with one Knee up; she look'd at it a long while, and by degrees at last stole her Eyes from so unpleasing and unexpected an Object. However a strange kind of a Curiosity overcame her Fears, and she ventured a second Time to turn her Head that Way, and saw it, as before, fix'd for a considerable time longer, but durst not stir from her Seat; she again withdrew her Eyes from the horrible and melancholy Spectacle, and resum'd the Courage, after a little Reflection, of viewing it again, and resolving to ascertain herself if the Vision was real, by getting up from her Seat and going to it, but upon this third Retrospection she found it vanish'd. This Relation she writ down to Mr. *Duncan Campbell*, and has told before Mrs. *Ramell*, her own Sister, and many other very creditable Persons. Now as to these Arguments from Experience, I shall also deliver my Opinion; I dispute not but that learned Men, who have obstinate Prepossessions, may produce

duce plausible Arguments, why all Things should be thought to be done by Imposture which seem strange to them, and interfere with their Belief; and truly thus far their Humour may be indulged, that if only one Person relates a very strange and surprising Story, a Man may be more apt to think it is *possible* for that Person to *lie*, than that so *strange* a Relation should be *true*; but if a considerable Number of Persons of several Countries, several Religions, several Professions, several Ages, and those Persons look'd upon to be of as great Sagacity as any the Country afford, agree in Relations of the same Kind, tho' very strange, and are ready to vouch the Truth of them upon Oath after having well consider'd Circumstances; I think it a Violation of the Law of Nature to reject all these Relations as fabulous, merely upon a self-presuming Conceit, unless a Man can fairly shew the Things to be impossible, or can demonstrate wherein those Persons were imposed on; for from hence, I form the following conclusive Argument. What is possible according to Reason, grows probable according to Belief, where the Possibility is attested to have reduc'd itself into Action by Persons of known Credit and Integrity. Now, not only the Possibility of the Existence of Spirits, but the actual Existence thereof is proved above by logical Demonstration; therefore are we to believe both by the Course of logical Reason,

Reason, and moral Faith, that those Existencies have appeared to Men of Credit, who have attested the Reality thereof upon Oath.



*Second Objection against the Existence of Witches.*

THESE Objectors go on to say, that provided they should allow there is an Existence of Spirits, yet that would be still no Argument how *Magick* should subsist, because they deny that it is impossible for a Man in his Body to have a Commerce, much less make a Contract with Spirits; but here again the *Refuters* alledge, they have both Experience and Reason on their Sides. As a joint Argument of Reason and Experience, they tell you, that the numerous Witches which have in all Countries been arraigned and condemned upon this Occasion, are evident Testimonies of this Commerce, and Contract being held and made with Spirits. They pretend to say, that these Objectors call not their, the Refuters, Judgment so much in Question, who contend that there is a magick Art, as they call in Question the Judgment of all the wisest legislative Powers in Christendom, who



who have universally agreed in enacting penal Laws against such capital Offenders.

But here the Objectors return and say, that it being impossible for us to shew *the manner how* such a Contract should be made, we can never, but without Reason, believe a Thing to be, of which we can form no perfect Idea. The Refuters, on the other hand, reply with the learned Father *le Brune*; it's manifest, that we can see but two sorts of Beings; *Spirits* and *Bodies*, and that since we can reason but according to our own Ideas, we *ought* to *ascribe* to *Spirits* what *cannot* be produced by *Bodies*. Indeed, the Author of the Republick of Learning, in the Month of *August*, Anno 1686, has given us a rough Draft for writing a good Tract of Witchcraft, which he looks upon as a *Desideratum*. Where among other Things he writes thus; Since this Age is the true Time of Systems, one should be contriv'd concerning the Commerce that may be betwixt Dæmons and Men.

On this Passage, Father *le Brune* writes thus. “ Doubtless here the Author complies with the Language of a great many Persons, who, for want of Attention and Light, would have us put all Religion in Systems. Whatever Regard I ought to have for many of those Persons, I must not be afraid to say, that there is no System to be made of those Truths, which we ought to learn distinctly by Faith, because we must advance nothing  
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here, but what we receive from the Oracle. We must make a System to explain the Effects of the Loadstone, the Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea, the Motion of the Planets; for that the Cause of these Effects is not evidently signified to us, and many may be conceived by us; and to determine us, we have need of a great number of Observations, which, by an exact Induction, may lead us to a Cause that may satisfy all the *Phænomena*. It's not the same in the Truths of Religion, we come not at them by groping, it were to be wish'd Men spoke not of them, but after a decisive and infallible Authority. It's thus we should speak of the Power of *Dæmons*, and of the Commerce they have with Men; it's of Faith, that they have Power, and that they attack Men, and try to seduce them divers Ways. It is true indeed, they are sometimes permitted to have it over the Just, tho' they have it not ordinarily, but over those, that want Faith, or Fear, not to partake of their Works; and that to the last particularly, the *disorder'd Intelligencies* try to make exactly succeed what they wish; inspiring them to have Recourse to certain Practises by which those seducing Spirits enter into Commerce with Men." Thus far Father *le Brune*. But still these Objectors demand to know, by *what Means* this Commerce may be held between Dæmons and Men, and urge us to describe the *Manner*; or pretend that they have  
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still reason to refuse coming into the Belief of a Thing, which we would impose upon them, tho' wholly ignorant of it ourselves : To that, the Refuters answer thus, That both Christian Divines, and Physicians agree, (as to the manner how, which they are so curious in enquiring after,) that *Dæmons* stir up Raptures and Extasies in Men, binding or loosing the exterior Senses, and that either by stopping the Pores of the Brain, so that the Spirits cannot pass forth, (as it's done naturally by Sleep) or by recalling the sensitive Spirits, from the outward Senses to the inward Organs, which he there retains : So the Devil renders Women Witches extatical and Magicians, who, while they lie fast asleep in one Place, think they have been in divers Places, and done many Things. This the learned Objectors say proceeds from no Dæmon, but from the Disease call'd an Epilepsy ; but, on the other hand, the more learned Refuters insist upon it, that these Extasies are not epileptick Seizures : This, say they, appears from *Bodin*, in his *Theatre of universal Nature*, where he says, “ That those, that are wrapt  
“ by the Devil, feel neither Stripes nor Cut-  
“ tings, nor no Wrestling of their Limbs, nor  
“ burning Tortures, nor the Application of  
“ a red hot Iron ; nay, nor is the Beat of  
“ the Pulse, nor the Motion of the Heart per-  
“ ceived in them ; but afterwards, returning  
“ to themselves, they feel most bitter Pains

“ of the Wounds received, and tell of Things  
 “ done at 600 Miles distance, and affirm  
 “ themselves to have seen them done.” The  
 ingenious Dr. *Ader*, makes an admirable phy-  
 sical Distinction between this kind of Extasie,  
 and a Syncope, or Stupor, caused by  
 narcotick Medicines. *Sennertus*, in his *In-*  
*stitutio Medica*, writes of the Dæmoniackal  
 Sopor of Witches, who think they are carry’d  
 thro’ the Air, dance, feast, and have Copulation  
 with the Devil, and do other Things in their  
 Sleep, and afterwards believe the same Things  
 waking. Now, he says, “ Whether they are  
 really so carry’d in the Air, &c. or being in a  
 profound Sleep, or only Dream they are so  
 carry’d and persist in that Opinion, after they  
 are awake: These Facts or Dreams cannot be  
 natural; for it cannot be, that there should be  
 so great an Agreement in Dreams, of Persons  
 differing in Place, Temperament, Age, Sex, and  
 Studies, that in one Night, and at the same  
 Hour, they should, in concert, dream of one  
 and the same such Meeting, and should agree,  
 as to the Place, Number, and Quality of the  
 Persons, and the like Circumstances; but such  
 Dreams are suggested from a preternatural Cause,  
*viz.* from the Devil to his Confederate, by the  
 Divine Permission of an Almighty Power, where  
 Punishments are to be permitted to be inflicted  
 upon reprobate Sinners.

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Whence also, to those Witches sincerely converted, and refusing to be any more present at those diabolical Meetings, those Dreams no longer happen, which is a Proof that they proceeded, not before, from a natural Cause.

Here begins the great Point of the Dispute as to that Branch of Magick, which we call Natural Magick. The Objectors may tell us, that they will freely own, that there may be an Existence of Spirits, that there may be an Existence of Witches, that by a divine Power Men may be influenced, so far as to have a Communication with good Spirits, and that from thence, they may become spiritual divine Magicians: They will likewise, perhaps, as freely grant, that by the Intervention of a Dæmon, Things preternatural may be brought about by Persons, who have studied the Dæmoniacal Magick, but then what they principally insist upon, is, that it must be contradictory to all humane Reason, to imagine that there can be such a Thing as Natural Magicians; and thus far they may form their Argument. They say, that the Persons, who contend for the magick Art, own, that all that is brought about by Magick, is by the Assistance and Help of a Spirit, and that consequently, what is Effected by it, must be preternatural: Now, they say, it is a Thing inconsistent by a Natural Power, to bring about a preternatural Effect; therefore, there

can be no such Thing as Natural Magick, which has within itself the Efficacy of destroying those Acts done by Magicians, in the Diabolical.

To this, the Refuters take leave to reply, that the Foundation, upon which the Argument is built, is wrong grounded; they have admitted, that, in diabolical Art Magick, there may be a Commerce held between Men and Spirits, by which several preternatural Effects may be brought about; and the Reason they assign for it there, is, because there is a preternatural Agent concerned therein, the Devil: But then, say they, in Natural Magick, you can pretend to no such Agent, and therefore to no such preternatural Effect. This Argument contains within it two Falacies: First, as to the Commerce held between a Man and a Dæmon, there is nothing preternatural in getting the Acquaintance; the Will of the Man is entirely Natural, either naturally good, or naturally corrupted: The black Spirit that converseth with him, it is acknowledg'd is not so, but it is from the Will of the Man; not from the Power vested in the Devil, that the Acquaintance first grows, therefore the Acquaintance it self is natural, tho' it arises from the last Corruption and Depravations of Nature, but being made with a preternatural Existence tho' the Cause of the Acquaintance be corruptedly Natural, yet the intermediate Cause or Means after that Acquain-

Acquaintance is not so, and therefore the Effect of that intermediate Cause may be wonderful, and seem to be out of the ordinary Course of Nature. Now, since it is generally allow'd, that there are Natural Spirits of the Elements as well as Divine and Infernal, what we have to prove is only this ; that Man by Natural Magick may have a Commerce with Natural Spirits of their Elements, as Witches may have with the Spirits or Dæmons. Now, as we said before, the Commerce itself depends upon the Will of the Person, and is therefore Natural, and consequently may as well subsist between the one as the other ; for the Devil cannot force a Man to hold a Commerce with him whether he will or no. The second Falacy is calling the Effect preternatural, no otherwise than as it connotates the Agent that brought it about, which is a spiritual Agent ; for the Effect is (in itself consider'd) Natural, and brought about by second Causes that are Natural, by the Devil's Penetration, who is subtle enough to make use of them for such and such Ends. Now Men by Natural Spirits, which are of a Faculty thoroughly subtle, may as well with natural second Causes compass the Remedy of an evil Spirit, as the Devil is able to infect Men with it. From these Speculations a farther plain Consequence may be deduced, how a Man may, by the pure Force of Natural Magick, cure a Person that

is infested with Evils by a Dæmon; for how is it that a Dæmon infests any Body with his evil Motions? It's true, he is a preternatural Agent, but the evil Effect he does, is brought about by Natural Causes. For how does a Dæmon stir up Raptures or Extasies in Men? why he does it (as we are told above) by binding or loosing the exterior Senses, by stopping the Pores of the Brain, so that the Spirits cannot pass forth: And this, the Art of Physick can compass by its Drugs, and Sleep causes the same Thing very naturally of itself; therefore as the Evil itself is Natural, the Remedy, that is Natural, will certainly overcome it: But then, say you, why can't those Persons be cured by Physicians? I answer, not because their Remedies are not in themselves sufficient to cure the Evils themselves, but because generally Physicians don't administer their Drugs as Christians, but as Physicians; and when they prescribe them to the Sick, they generally prescribe to them only purely consider'd as Patients, not as Christians, and therein they come to fail: Because the Agent, the Devil, is a subtle Spirit that brings the Evil, and alters its Situation before the Remedy, which would master it otherwise, can take any Effect; which Agent, the Devil, is employ'd by the horrible and impious Faith of the Antiphyician, *viz.* the black Magician: But, if the Physician would act the Christian, at the same time, so far as to have a Faith



Faith that Things ordain'd in the Course of Nature, for the Good of Man, would have its Effects in spite of a Devil, if taken with a good Faith by the Patient: That all good Things ordain'd to be for the natural Recovery of Men, if they took it with Thankfulness to the Sender, would have due Effect; why then the Natural Spirits of the Elements would resist the farther Agency of the Dæmoniacal Spirit, and then nothing but the Natural Evil (caused at first by the Dæmon) remaining in the Person without the farther Superintendency of the Dæmon, might demonstratively be taken away by the mere natural Remedy or Medicine. And thus good and pious Physicians making use of such proper Remedies as their Skill teaches them, and having an honest Faith, that the Goods of Nature intended for the Use and Benefit of Man, if received by the Patient with the same good Faith, is above the Power of the Devil to frustrate, may not improperly be called Natural Magicians. These Arguments of mine, I shall now take Leave to back by Experience.

Besides, what we have urged from Reason, concerning the Power of Natural Magick, we shall only subjoin, that Divines themselves hold that Natural Magick, and also Natural Divinations, and Prophecies, are proved by Quotations from that venerable Writ which is their Guide; and bring Proofs from the same also, that by Natural Magick

Dæmons are also cast forth, but not all kinds of Dæmons, and so many Works of Efficacy are wrought by Natural Magick: They tell you, such was the *Pythonissa* that raised the Apparition to *Saul*, which appeared in a Body of Wind and Air. Thus, if a Person by Natural Magick should cast out Dæmons, it does not follow, that this was also from Divine Magick; and if Dæmons are cast out by Natural Magick, by one that is in the Fear of God, it does not follow that he is a true Magician of God, but if it exorbitates to Dæmoniacal, then it is condemned; and when Natural Magick keeps within its Bounds, the Divines tell us, it is not condemn'd in the venerable Book which is the Christian's sure Guide. But, inasmuch as the Lawfulness even of Natural Magick has been called in Question by others, I shall, in an *Appendix* join'd to this Treatise, examine that Matter both according to the Reasons of our *English* Laws, and according to the best stated Rules of Casuistry that I am a Master of; still submitting my Judgment to the superior Judgment of those who are profess'd Divines and Lawyers: And if my Opinions prove erroneous, I am willing to retract them; and therefore, in this place, there remains nothing farther for me to do, but only, as I have shewn, on the one hand, how Natural Magick, and its powerful Operations are prov'd by Reason; to shew, on the other hand, how

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far Reason in these Cases, is likewise back'd and supported by well-evidenc'd Practice, and notorious Experience. And to do this, after having mentioned one memorable Instance, which I refer the Reader to in the Body of the Book, concerning the Performances of Mr. *Greatrix*, to which a Lord *Orrery* was a Witness in *Ireland*; I shall, to avoid Prolixity, bring the other Testimonials of Practice, from the Success which our *Duncan Campbell* himself has had in this Way on other Occasions.

In the Year 1713, lived in *Fanchurch-street*, one Mr. *Coates*, a Tobacco-Merchant, who had been for many Years sorely tormented in his Body, and had had Recourse for a Cure to all the most eminent Physicians of the Age, even up to the great Dr. *Ratcliff* himself; but all this mighty Application for Relief was still in vain: Each Doctor own'd him a Wonder and a Mystery to Physick, and left him as much a Wonder as they found him. Neither could the Professors of Surgery guess at his Ailment, or resolve the Riddle of his Distemper; and after having spent, from first to last, above a thousand Pounds in search of proper Remedies, they found the Search ineffectual: The learned all agreed, that it could proceed from nothing else but Witchcraft; they had now indeed guess'd the Source of his Illness, but it was an Illness of such a Kind, that, when they had  
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found it out, they thought themselves not the proper Persons to prescribe to him any Remedies. That Task was reserv'd, it seems, for our *Duncan Campbell*, who, upon some Body's Information or other, was sent for to the betwicked Patient Mr. *Coates*, who found him the Wonder, that the others had left him, but did Wonders in undertaking and compassing his Cure. I remember, one of the Ingredients made use of, was boiling his own Water, but I can't tell how 'twas used; and, upon turning over the Books of some great Physicians since, I have found, that they themselves have formerly deliver'd that, as one part of the Prescriptions for the Cure of Patients in like Cases. But as there are other Things, which Mr. *Campbell* performs, that seem to require a Mixture of the Second-sight, and of this Natural Magick before they can be brought about, I will entertain the Reader with one or two Passages of that sort likewise, and so conclude the History of this so singular a Man's Life and Adventures.

In the Year 1710, a Gentlewoman lost about six Pounds Worth of *Flanders-lace*, and inasmuch as it was a Present made to her Husband, she was concerned as much as if it had been of twenty Times the Value; and a Lady of her Acquaintance coming to visit her, to whom she unfolded among other Things in discourse this little Disaster: The Lady smiling, reply'd, with this  
Question,



Question, did you never hear, Madam, of Mr. *Duncan Campbell*? It is but making your Application to him, Things that are lost, are immediately found; the Power of his Knowledge, exceeds even the Power of Laws; they but restrain, and frighten, and punish Robbers, but he makes Thieves expiate their Guilt, by the more virtuous Way of turning Restorers of the Goods they have stoln. Madam, rejoin'd the losing Gentlewoman, you smile, when you tell me this, but really, as much a Trifle as it is, since 'twas a Present to my Husband, I can't help being sensibly concerned at it, a Moment's Disappointment to him in the least Thing in Nature, creates in me a greater Uneasiness, than the greatest Disappointment to my single self could do, in Things of Moment and Importance. What makes me smile, said the Lady, when I speak of it, or think of it, is the Oddness and Peculiarity of this Man's Talent in helping one to such Things, but, without the least Jest, I assure you, that I know, by Experience, these Things come within the Compass of his Knowledge; and I must seriously tell you, for your farther Satisfaction, that he has help'd me, and several of my Friends, to the finding again Things lost, which were of great Value. And is this, without laughing, true, said the losing Fair, very gravely, and demurely, like a Person half believing, and desirous to be fully confirmed in such a Belief? The Lady, she advis'd

advis'd with, did then ascertain her of the Truth of the Matter, alledging that, for a single half Guinea, he would inform her of her Things, and describe the Person that convey'd them away. No sooner was this Gentlewoman convinc'd, but she was eager for the Tryal, solicited her Friend to conduct her to Mr. *Campbell*; and upon the first Word of Consent, she was hooded and scarf'd immediately, and they coach'd it away in a Trice to Mr. *Campbell's* House, whom they luckily found within.

The Ladies had not been long seated, before he wrote down the Name of this new Client of his, exactly as it was, *viz.* Mrs. *Saxon*. Then she was in good Hopes, and with much Confidence, propounded to him the Question about the Lace. He paused but a very little while upon the Matter, before he describ'd the Person that took it, and satisfy'd her, that in two or three Days she would be Mistress of her Lace again, and find it in some Book, or Corner of her Room. She presented him a Half-guinea, and was very contentedly going away; but Mr. *Campbell* very kindly stop'd her, and signify'd to her, that, if she had no more to offer to him, he had something of more Importance to reveal to her: She sat full of Expectation while he wrote this new Matter; and the Paper he deliver'd to her contain'd the following Account. As for the Loss of a little bit of Lace, it is a mere

mere Trifle ; you have lost a great many hundreds of Pounds, which your Aunt (naming her Name) left you, but you are bubbled out of that large Sum. For while you was artfully required down Stairs about some pretended Business or other, one Mr. *H---tt--n*, convey'd your Aunt's Will out of the Desk, and several other Things of Value, and writing down the Names of all the Persons concern'd, which put Mrs. *Saxon* in a great Consternation : He concluded this Paper, with bidding her go home with a contented Mind, she should find her Lace in a few Days, and as she found that Prediction prove true, she should afterwards come and consult about the the Rest.

When she came home (it seems) big at first with the Thoughts of what she had been told, she rifled and ransack'd every Corner, but no Lace was to be met with ; all the next Day, she hunted in the like manner, but frighten'd the whole Time, as if she thought the Devil was the only Person could bring it, but all to no Purpose ; the third Day her Curiosity abated, she gave over the Hopes of it, and took the Prediction as a vain Delusion, and that, what she gave for it, was on more Money thrown away after what had been lost before. That very Day, as it commonly happens in such Cases, when she least dreamt of it, she lighted on't by Accident and Surprize. She ran with it in her  
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Hand immediately to her Husband, and now she had recover'd it again, told him of the Loss of it, and the whole Story of her having been at Mr. *Campbell's* about it; and then amplifying the Discourse about what he had told her besides, as to more considerable Affairs, she said, she resolv'd to go and consult him a little farther about them, and begg'd her Husband to accompany her. He would fain have laugh'd her out of that Opinion and Intent, but the End was, she perswaded him into it, and prevailed upon him to seem at least very serious about the Matter, and go with her to the Oracle, assuring him there was no room for doubting the same Success.

Well! to Mr. *Campbell's* they accordingly came, and after Mr. *Saxon*, in Deference to his Wife's Desire, had paid our Predictor a handsome Complement of Gold; Mr. *Duncan Campbell* saluted him in as grateful a manner, with the Assurance, that there was in *Kent*, a little Country House with some Lands appertaining to it, that was his in right of his Wife: That he had the House, as it were, before his Eyes, that tho' he had never substantially seen it, nor been near the Place where it stood, he had seen it figuratively as if in exact Painting and Sculpture, that particularly it had four green Trees before the Door; from whence he was positive, that if Mr. *Saxon* went with him in quest



of it, he should find it out, and know it as well the Moment he come near it, as if he had been an Inhabitant in it all his Life.

Mr. *Saxon*, tho' somewhat of an Unbeliever, yet, must naturally wish to find it true, you may be sure, and yet partly doubting the Event, and partly pleased with the visionary Promise of a Fortune he never expected, laugh'd very heartily at the Oddness of the Adventure, and said, he would consider, whether it would not favour too much of *Quixotism*, to be at the Expence of a Journey on such Frolicks, and on such a chimerical Foundation of airy Hopes, and that then he would call again and let Mr. *Campbell* know his Mind upon that Point.

In every Company he came into, it serv'd for Laughter and Diversion; they all, however, agreed 'twas worth his while, since the Journey would not be very expensive, to go it by way of Frolick. His Wife one Morning, saying, that she did remember some talk of a House, and such Things as Mr. *Campbell* had describ'd, put him forward upon the Adventure; and upon Mr. *Saxon's* proposing it to his Brother *Barnard*, Mr. *Barnard* favour'd the Proposal as a Joke, and agreed upon the Country Ramble. They came on Horseback to Mr. *Campbell's*, with a third Horse, on which the Dumb Predictor was mounted, and so on they jogg'd into *Kent* towards *Sevenoak*, being the Place which he describ'd. The first Day they set out, was on a *Saturday* Morning in *June*,  
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and about Five that Afternoon they arrived at the *Black-Bull* at *Sevenoak* in *Kent*. It being a delicate Evening, they took an agreeable Walk up a fine Hill gracefully adorn'd with Woods to an old Seat of the Earl of *Dorset's*: Meeting, by the way, with an old Servant of the Earl's, one *Perkins*, he offer'd Mr. *Barnard*, who (it seems) was his old Acquaintance to give them all a Sight of that fine ancient Seat.

After they had pleas'd themselves with viewing the antique Nobility of that stately Structure, this *Perkins* went back with them to their Inn, the *Bull* at *Sevenoak*. They, that could talk, were very merry in Chat; and the Dumb Gentleman, who saw them laugh, and wear all the Signs of Alacrity in their Countenances, was resolv'd not to be behind with their Tongues, and by Dint of Pen, Ink, and Paper, that he made Signs should be brought in, was resolv'd (if one might be said to *crack* without *Noise*) to crack his Jest as well as the best of 'em; for it may be truly said of him, that he seldom comes into any even diverting Company, where he is not the most diverting Man there, and the Head (tho' we can't call him the Mouth) of the chearful Society. After having ey'd this *Perkins* a little, and being grown, by his Art, as we may suppose, as familiar with the Man's Humour, as if he had known him as many Years as Mr. *Barnard*: Pray, Mr. *Barnard*,  
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Quoth he in writing) how comes it, you that are so staunch and so stiff a Whig, should be so acquainted, and so particularly familiar, with such an old *Papist*, and so violent a Jacobite, as I know that Mr. *Perkin* (whom I never saw nor had any Notice of in my Life) to be? And pray, reply'd Mr. *Barnard*, what reason have you beyond a Pun to take him for a Jacobite? Must he be so, because his Name is *Perkin*? I do assure you in this, you shew yourself but little of a Conjuror; if you can tell no more of Houses than you do of Men, we may give over our search after the House you spoke of (here the Reader must understand they discoursed on their Fingers, and wrote by Turns). Mr. *Campbell* reply'd seriously, laying a Wager is no Argument in other Things, I own, but in this I know it is, because I am sure, after we have laid the Wager, he will fairly confess it among Friends, since it will go no farther, and I (said Mr. *Campbell*) will lay what Wager you will apiece with you all round. Hereupon, Mr. *Barnard*, who had known him a great many Years, was the first that laid, and many more, to the Number of five or six follow'd his Example; the Decision of the Matter was deferr'd till next Day at the Return of the old Man to the Inn; they being about to break up that Night, and go to Bed.

The next Day being *Sunday*, the Landlord carry'd his Guests to see the Country, and after a handsome Walk, they came thro' the Church-yard. They were poring upon the Tombs; no Delight can be greater to Mr. *Campbell* than that; and really, by the frequent Walks he usually takes in *Westminster-Abbey*, and the Church-yards adjacent to this Metropolis, one would imagine he takes Delight to stalk along by himself on that dumb silent Ground, where the Characters of the Persons are only to be known, as his own Meaning is, by Writings and Inscriptions on the Marble. When they had sufficiently survey'd the Church-yard, it grew near Dinner-time, and they went homewards; but before they had got many Yards out of the Church-yard, Mr. *Campbell* makes a full Stop, pointing up to a House, and stopping his Friends a little, he pulls out of his Pocket a Pencil and Paper, and notes down the following Words; *That, That is the House my Vision presented to me, I could swear it to be the same, I know it to be the same, I am certain of it.* The Gentlemen with him remark'd it, would not take any farther notice, at that Time, intending to inquire into it with Secrecy, and so went on to the Inn to Dinner.

As merry as they had been the Night before after Supper, they were still more innocently chearful this Day after Dinner, till the  
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Time of Service begun. When the Duty of the Day was perform'd and over, they return'd to divert and unbend their Minds with pleasant, but harmless Conversation. I suppose no Body, but a Set of very great Formalists, will be offended with Scandal or Scruples, that to Travellers just ready to depart the Town; Mr. *Perkin* came on that good Day and decided the Wagers, by owning to all the Company (Secrecy being first enjoined) that he was a 'Roman Catholick, tho' no Body of the Family knew it in so many Years as he had lived there, which was before Mr. *Campbell* was born. This, and other innocent Speeches, afforded as much Chearfulness as the Lord's Day would allow of.

On the next Day, being *Monday*, they sent for one Mr. *Toland Toler*, an Attorney of the Place, to find out to whom that House belong'd, but by all the Inquiry that could possibly be made with convenient Secrecy, no Body could find it out for a long time, but at last it came to light and appear'd to be justly to a Tittle as Mr. *Campbell* had predicted.

Being now satisfy'd the next Day, our three Travellers return'd for *London*; and the two vocal Men were very jocular upon their Adventure, and by their outward Gesticulations gave the propheticall *Mute* his Share of Diversion. Mr. *Barnard*, as they pass'd into a Farmhouse-yard, remark'd that all the Hogs

fell a grunting and squeaking more and more ; as Mr. *Campbell* came nearer (who, poor Man! could know nothing of the Jest, nor the Cause of it, till they alighted and told it him by Signs and Writing) said to Mr. *Saxon* laughing, now we have found out our House, we shall have only Mr. *Campbell* home again by himself, we have no farther Need of the Devil, that accompany'd him to the Country, up to Town with us, there are other Devils enow to be met with there he knows, and so this, according to the Fashion of his Predecessor Devils, is enter'd into the Herd of Swine.

However, the Event of this Journey (to cut the Story short) procured Mr. *Saxon* a great Insight, upon inquiry, into several Affairs belonging to him, of which he would otherwise have had no Knowledge ; and he is now engaged in a Chancery Suit to do himself Justice, and in a fair way of recovering great Sums of Money, which, without the Consultation he had with this Dumb Gentleman, he had in all likelihood never dreamt of.

In the Year 1711, a Gentleman, whose Name shall be, in this Place, *Amandus*, famed for his exquisite Talents in all Arts and Sciences, but particularly for his Gentleman like and entertaining manner of Conversation, whose Company was affected by all Men of Wit, who grew his Friends, and courted by all Ladies

Ladies of an elegant Taste, who grew his Admirers : This accomplish'd Gentleman, I say, came to Mr. *Campbell*, in order to propound a Question to him, which was so very intricate, and so difficult to answer, that, if he did answer it, it might administer to himself, and the Ladies he brought with him, the Pleasure of Admiration in seeing a Thing so wonderful in itself perform'd ; or, on the other hand, if he did not make a satisfactory Reply to it, then it might afford him and the Ladies a very great Delight, in being the first that puzzled a Man, who had had the Reputation for so many Years of being capable of baffling all the wittiest Devices and shrewd Stratagems that had been, from time to time, invented to baffle his Skill, and explode his Penetration in the Second-sight, and the Arts which he pretended to. The Persons, whom *Amandus* brought with him, were the illustrious Lady *Delphina*, distinguish'd for her great Quality, but still more celebrated for her Beauty, his own Lady the admired *Amabella*, and a young blooming pretty Virgin whom we will call by the Name of *Adeodata*, about which last Lady the Question was to be put to Mr. *Campbell*. *Adeodata*, it seems, was the natural Daughter of this very fine Gentleman, who had never let her into the Knowledge of her own Birth, but had bred her up from her Infancy, under a borrow'd Name, in the

Notion that she was a Relation's Daughter, and recommended to his Care in her Infancy. Now the Man that had the Second-sight, was to be try'd : It was now to be put to the Proof, if he could tell Names or no? *Amandus* was so much an Unbeliever as to be willing to hazard the Discovery — *Amabella* and *Delphina* were Strangers to her real Name, and ask'd *Duncan Campbell*, not doubting but he would set down that which she ordinarily went by : *Amabella* had indeed been told by *Amandus*, that *Adeodata* was the natural Daughter of a near Friend of his ; but who this near Friend was remain'd a Secret : That was the Point which lay upon our *Duncan Campbell* to discover. When the Question was proposed to him, what her Name was, he look'd at her very stedfastly and shook his Head, and after some Time, he wrote down, that it would be a very difficult Name for him to fix upon. And truly so it prov'd ; he toil'd for every Letter till he sweated ; and the Ladies laugh'd incontinently, imagining that he was in an Agony of Shame and Confusion at finding himself poz'd. He desired *Amandus* to withdraw a little, for that he could not so well take a full and proper Survey of Ladies Faces, when a Gentleman was by. This Disturbance and Perplexity of his, afforded them still more subject of Mirth ; and that Excuse was taken as a Pretence, and  
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a put-off to cover his Shame the better and hide from one at least, that he was but a downright Bungler in what he pretended to be so wonderful an Artist. However, after two Hours hard Sweat and Labour, and viewing the Face in different Shades and Lights, (for I must observe to the Reader that there is a vast deal of Difference, some he can tell in a Minute or two with Ease, some not in less than four or five Hours, and that with great Trouble) he undeceived them with Regard to his Capacity. He wrote down, that *Adeodata's* real Name was *Amanda*, as being the natural Daughter of *Amandus*. *Delphina* and *Amabella* were surpriz'd at the Discovery; and *Amandus*, when he was call'd in, owning it a Truth, his Wife *Amabella* applauded the curious Way of her coming by such a Discovery, when *Adeodata* was just marriageable, took a Liking to her as if her own Daughter; and every Thing ended with Profit, Mirth and Chearfulness. I could add a thousand more Adventures of Mr. *Campbell's* Life, but that would prove tedious; and as the Town has made a great Demand for the Book, it was thought more proper to conclude it here. The most diverting of all, are to be found best to the Life in original Letters that pass'd between Mr. *Campbell* and his Correspondents, some select ones of which will be shortly publish'd in a little Pocket-volume for the farther Entertainment of such

Reader as shall relish this Treatise : In which the Author hopes, he shall be esteem'd to have endeavour'd at the Intermingling of some curious Disquisitions of Learning, with entertaining Passages, and to have ended all the merriest Passages with a sober, instructive, and edifying Moral, which even to those who are not willing to believe the Stories, is reckon'd sufficient to recommend even Fables themselves.





T H E  
A P P E N D I X.



It is not that Mr. *Duncan Campbell* stands in need of my Arguments, to prove that he is, in no respect, liable to the Acts of Parliament made against *Fortune-tellers*, &c. that I undertake the writing of this *Appendix*, the true Reason thereof being the more completely to finish this Undertaking: For having, in the Body of the Book it self, fully proved a Second-Sight, and that the same frequently happens to Persons, some of them eminently remarkable for Piety and Learning, and have from thence accounted for the Manner of Mr. *Campbell's* performing those Things he professes, to the great Surprize, and no less Satisfaction of all the Curious who are pleased to consult him; and at the same time proved the Lawfulness of such his Performances

mances from the Opinions of some of the most Learned in holy Science; I thought it not improper to add the following short *Appendix*, (being a Summary of several Acts of Parliament made against *Fortune-tellers, Conjurers, Egyptians, Sorcerers, Pretenders to Prophecy, &c.* with some proper Remarks, suited to our present Purpose) as well to satisfy them who are fantastically Wise, and obstinately shut their Eyes against the most refulgent Reason, and are wilfully deaf to the most convincing and persuasive Arguments, and thereupon cry out, that Mr. *Campbell* is either an Impostor and a Cheat, or at least a Person who acts by the Assistance of unlawful Powers; as also to put to silence the no less waspish Curs, who are always snarling at such, whom Providence has distinguish'd by more excellent Talents than their Neighbours. True Merit is always the Mark, against which Traducers level their keenest Darts; and Wit and Invention oftentimes join Hands with Ignorance and Malice, to foil those, who excel. Art has no greater Enemy than Ignorance; and were there no such thing as Vice, Virtue would not shine with half its Lustre. Did Mr. *Campbell* perform those wonderful Things he is so deservedly famous for, as these Cavillers say, by holding Intelligence with Infernal Powers, or by any unjustifiable Means, I

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am of Opinion he would find very few, in this atheistical Age, who would open their Mouths against him, since none love to act Counter to the Interest of that Master they industriously serve. And did he, on the other Hand, put the Cheat upon the World, as they maliciously assert, I fancy he would then be more generally admired, especially in a Country where the Game is so universally, artfully, and no less profitably play'd, and that with Applause, since those Pretenders to Wisdom merrily divide the whole Species of Mankind into the two Classes of Knaves and Fools, fixing the Appellation of Folly only upon those, whom they think not Wise, that is, wicked enough to have a Share with them in the profitable Guilt.

Our Laws are as well intended by their wise Makers to skreen the Innocent, as to punish the Guilty; and where their Penalties are remarkably severe, the Guilt they punish is of a proportionable size. Art, which is a Man's Property, when acquir'd, claims a Protection from those very Laws which false Pretenders thereto are to be try'd and punished by, or else all Science would soon have an end; for no Man would dare make use of any Talent Providence had lent him, and his own industrious Application had improved, should he be immediately try'd and condemn'd by those Statutes,  
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which are made to suppress Villains, by every conceited and half learned Pedant.

'Tis true indeed those excellent Statutes, which are made against a sort of People, who pretend to Fortune-telling, and the like, are such as are well warranted, as being built upon the best Foundation, *viz.* Religion and Policy: and were Mr. *Campbell* guilty of any such Practice, as those are made to punish, I openly declare, that I should be so far from endeavouring to defend his Cause, that I would be one of the first that should aggravate his Crime, thereby to enforce the speedier Execution of those Laws upon him, which are made against such Offenders. But when he is so far from acting, that he doth not even pretend to any such Practice, or for countenancing the same in others, as is manifest from the many Detections he has made of that sort of Villany, which the Book furnishes us with, I think my self sufficiently justified for thus pleading in his Defence.

I cannot but take Notice, in Reading the Statutes made against such Offenders, our wise Legislature hath not in any part of them seem'd so much as to imply, that there are in reality any such wicked Persons as they are made against, to wit, *Conjurers*, &c. but that they are only Pretenders to those infernal Arts, as may reasonably be  
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infern'd from the Nature of the Penalties they inflict; for our first Laws of that sort only inflicted a Penalty, which affected the Goods and Liberty of the Guilty, and not their Lives, tho' indeed they were afterwards forced to heighten the Punishment with a Halter; not that they were better convinc'd, as I humbly conceive, but because the Criminals were most commonly Persons who had no Goods to forfeit, and to whom their Liberty was no otherwise valuable, but as it gave them the opportunity of doing Mischief. Indeed our Law-Books do furnish us with many Instances of Persons, who have been try'd and executed for Witchcraft and Sorcery, but then the wiser part of Mankind have taken the Liberty to condemn the Magistrate, at that time of Day, of too much Inconsideration, and the Juries of an equal share of Credulity: And those who have suffer'd for such Crimes, have been commonly Persons of the lowest Rank, whose Poverty might occasion a Dislike of them in their Fellow-Creatures, and their too artless Defence subject them to their mistaken Justice; so that upon the whole, I take the Liberty to conclude, and, I hope, not without good Grounds, that those Laws were made to deter Men from an idle Pretence to mysterious and unjustifiable Arts, which, if too closely pursued, commonly lead them into the darkest Villany, not only that of deceiving others, but  
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as far as in them lye, making themselves Slaves to the Devil: And not to prevent and hinder Men from useful Enquiries, and from the Practice of such Arts, which tho' they are in themselves mysterious, yet are, and may be lawful.

I would not however be thought, in contradiction to my former Arguments, to assert, that there never were, or that there now are, no Persons such as Wizards, Sorcerers, &c. for by so doing, I should be as liable to be censur'd for my Incredulity, as those who defame Mr. *Campbell* on that Account, are for their want of Reason and common Honesty. Holy and prophane Writ, I confess, furnishes us with many Instances of such Persons; but we must not from thence hastily infer, that all those Men are such who are spitefully branded with the odious Guilt; for were it in the Devil's Power to make every wicked Man a Wizard, and Woman a Witch, he soon would have Agents enough to shake this lower World to Atoms; but the Almighty, who restrains him, likewise restrains those.

Having premised thus much, I shall now proceed to consider some of the Acts of Parliament themselves; the Persons against whom they were made, and the Necessity of making the same. And some of the first Acts we meet with, were those which were made against a sort of People called *Egyptians*,  
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Persons, who, if in reality such, might, if any, be suspected of practising what we call the *Black Art*, the same having been for many Ages encouraged in their Country; nay, so much has it been by them favour'd, that it was introduced into their superstitious Religion (if I may without an Absurdity call it so) and made an essential Part thereof: And, I believe, *Mahometism* has not much mended the Matter, since it has imperiously reigned there, or in any respect reform'd that idolatrous Nation. Now the Mischief these Persons might do (being so much in the Devil's Power) among the unwary, was thought too considerable not to be provided against; and therefore our wise Legislature, the more effectually to prevent the same, by striking at the very Foundation, made an Act in the 22 *H. VIII.* 8. That if any, calling themselves *Egyptians*, do come into this Realm, they shall forfeit all their Goods; and being demanded, shall depart the Realm within fifteen Days, upon pain of Imprisonment: and the Importers of them, by another Act, were made liable to a heavy Penalty. This Act was continu'd by the 1 *P. and M. Conjurat[i]on, Witchcraft, Inchantment, and Sorcery*, to get Money, or consume any Person in his Body, Members, or Goods, or to provoke any Person to unlawful Love, was by the 33 *H. VIII.* 14. and the 5 *Eliz.* 16. and the 1 *Jac. I.* 12. made

Felony; and by the same 33 *H. VIII.* 14. it was made Felony to declare to another any *false Prophecies* upon Arms, &c. but this Act was repealed by the 1 *Ed. VI.* 12. but by another Act of the 3 and 4 of *Ed. VI.* 15. it was again enacted, that all such Persons who should pretend to *Prophecies*, &c. should, upon Conviction, for the first Offence forfeit Ten Pounds, and one Year's Imprisonment; and for the second Offence, all his Goods and Imprisonment for Life. And by the 7 *Ed. VI.* 11. the same was made to continue but till the then next Sessions of Parliament. And by the 5 *Eliz.* 15. the same Act was again renewed against *fantastical Prophefiers*, &c. but both those Acts were repealed by the 1 *Jac. I.* 12.

Thus far we find, that for Reasons of State, and for the Punishment of particular Persons, those Acts were made and repealed, as occasion required, and not kept on foot, or indeed were they ever made use of, as I can remember in my reading, against any Persons whose Studies led them into a useful Enquiry into the Nature of Things, or a lawful Search into the Workings of Nature itself, by which means many Things are foretold long before they come to pass, as Eclipses, and the like, which Astrologers successfully do, whose Art has been in all Ages held in so great Esteem, that the first Monarchs of the East made it their peculiar Study,

Study, by which means they deservedly acquired to themselves the Name of *Magi* or Wise Men; but, on the contrary, were provided against Persons profligate and loose, who, under a Pretence and Mask of Science, commit vile and roguish Cheats; and this will the more plainly appear, if we consider the Letter and express Meaning of the following Acts, wherein the Persons I am speaking of, are described by such Characters which sufficiently prove the Assertion: For in the 39 of *Eliz.* 4. it was enacted, That all Persons calling themselves Scholars going about begging, sea-faring Men, pretending Losses of their Ships and Goods at Sea, and going about the Country begging, or using any subtile Craft, feigning themselves to have Knowledge in *Physiognomy*, *Palmistry*, or any other the like crafty Science, or pretending that they can tell *Destinies*, *Fortunes*, or such like *fantastical Imaginations*, shall be taken and deem'd *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, *sturdy Beggars*, and shall be stripp'd naked from the Middle upwards, and whip'd till his or her Body be bloody. And by the 1 *Jam.* 1. 12. for the better restraining of the said Offences, and for the farther punishing the same, it was farther enacted, That any Person or Persons using *Witchcraft*, *Sorcery*, &c. and all their Aiders, Abettors, and Counsellors, being convicted, and attainted of the same Offences, shall suffer Pain of Death, as Felons without the Benefit of Cler-

gy: Or to tell and declare in what place any Treasure of Gold and Silver should or might be found in the Earth, or other secret Places: Or where Goods or Things lost or stol'n should be found or become: Or to provoke any Person to unlawful Love, such Offender to suffer Imprisonment for one whole Year without Bail or Mainprize, and once in every Quarter of the said Year shall in some Market-Town or upon the Market-Day, or at any such Time as any Fair shall be kept there, stand openly in the Pillory by the Space of six Hours, and there shall openly confess his or their Offence; and for the second Offence shall suffer Death as Felons without the Benefit of Clergy.

That these Laws were made against a Set of Villains, whose natural Antipathy to Honesty and Labour, furnish'd them with Pretensions to an uncommon Skill, thereby the more easily to gull and cheat the superstitiously credulous, and by that means discover from them some such Secrets that might farther them in perpetrating the more consummate Villany, is plain from the very Words and Expressions of the very Acts themselves, and the Description of the Persons they are made against; and not, as I before observed, to prevent and hinder Men from the lawful Inquiry after useful, delightful, and profitable Knowledge.

Mr. *Campbell*, who has been long a settled and reputable Inhabitant in many eminent  
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Parts of the City of *London*, cannot, I am sure, be look'd upon as one of those these Acts of Parliament were made against, unless we first strip the Acts themselves of their own natural, express and plain Meaning, and cloath them with that which is more obscure, unnatural, forced, and constrain'd a Practice, which, if allowed, would make them wound the Innocent and clear the Guilty, and render them not our Defence but our greatest Evil; they would, by that means, become a perfect *Ænigma*, and be so far from being admired for their Plainness, that they would be even exploded like the Oracles of the Heathen for their double Meaning.

If Mr. *Campbell* has the Second-Sight, as is unquestionable from the allowed Maxim, that what has been may be again, and by that means can take a View of Contingencies, and future Events; so long as he confines these Notices of approaching Occurrences to a good Purpose, and makes use of them only innocently and charitably to warn Persons from doing such Things, that according to his Conceptions would lead them into Misfortune, or else in putting them upon such Arts that may be of Use and Benefit to themselves and Posterity, always having a strict Regard to Morality and Religion to which he truly adheres: Certainly, I think, he ought so much the more to be admired for the same, by how much the more this his excellent Knowledge

is surpassing that of other Men, and not be therefore unjustly upbraided with the injurious Character of a Cheat, or an ill Man: however this I will presume to affirm, and I doubt not but to have my Opinion confirm'd by the learned Sages of the Law, that this his innocent Practice, and I venture to add honest one too, doth by no means intitle him to the Penalties of the before-mentioned Laws made against Fortune-tellers, and such sort of profligate Wretches; which it is as great an Absurdity to decry, as it would be to call him, who is a settled and reputable Inhabitant, a Stroller, or wandering Beggar.

Again, It is true, that Mr. *Campbell* has relieved many that have been supposed to have been Bewitched, as is related and well attested in the Book of his Life; but will any one from thence argue that he himself is a real Conjuror or Wizard, because he breaks the Chains by which those unhappy Wretches were bound? No surely, for if that were the Case, we might then as well indict the Physician who drives away a malignant Distemper, and roots out its latent Cause by his mysterious Skill in Plants and Drugs; or conclude that the Judge who condemns a Criminal is for the same Reason guilty of the self-same Crime for which the Offender is so by him condemned. Persons who delight in such unnatural Conclusions, must certainly be in Love with the greatest Absurdities, and must intirely abandon

don their natural Reason, before they can be brought to conclude that the Prince of Darkness would assist Men in destroying his own Power.

The best Answer I can afford those Men is Silence ; for if they will not argue upon the Principles of Reason, or be guided by her Dictates, I think them no more fit to be contend- ed with in a rational and decent manner than Bedlamites, and such who are bereft of all Under- standing. A Rod is the best Argument for the back of a Fool, and Contempt the best Usage that ought to be shewn to every head- strong and ignorant Opponent.

In a word, I know of no Branch of Mr. *Campbell's* Practice that bears the least Resem- blance to those Crimes mentioned in the fore- going Acts. That he can and doth tell Peoples Names at first Sight, tho' perfect Strangers to him, is confessed by all who have made the curious Enquiry at his Hands ; but what part of the Acts, I would fain know, is that against ? Knowledge, and a clear Sight into things not common, is not only an allowable, but a com- mendable Qualification ; and whether this Knowledge in him be inherent, accidental, or the result of a long Study, the Case is still the same ; since we are assured he doth it by no unlawful Intelligence, or makes use of the same to any ill purpose, and therefore is undoubted- ly as lawful as to draw natural Conclusions from right Premises. Hard is the Fate of any

Man to be ignorant, but much harder would his Lot be, if he were to be punished for being Wise, and, like Mr. *Campbell*, excelling others in this kind of Knowledge.

Much more might be said in Defence of Mr. *Campbell* and the Art he professeth, but as the Arguments which are brought against him by his Enemies on the one hand, are trivial and ill-grounded, I therefore think they deserve no farther Refutation; so on the other, his Innocency is too clear to require it.

After having thus taken a Survey of Mr. *Campbell's* Acts, with regard to their Legality according to the Statutes and the Laws of the Nation wherein he lives, we will consider next, whether according to the stated Rules of Casuistry, among the great Divines eminent for their Authority, it may be lawful for Mr. *Campbell* to predict, or for good Christian Persons to visit his House, and consult him about his Predictions. I have upon this Head examin'd all the learnedest Casuists I could meet with in ancient Times, for I cannot meet (in my reading) with any Moderns that treat thoroughly upon this Case, or I should rather have chosen them, because perhaps the Seond-Sight was less known in those antient Days than it has been since, and so might escape their Notice.

My Design is first to give the Reader a distinct Summary of all that has been said of this Matter, and to do it as succinctly and briefly



briefly as possible, and then to argue myself from what they agree upon, as to this Man's particular Case.

That the Reader may have recourse to the Authors themselves, if they have a Curiosity, and find that I don't go about to impose upon their Judgments, I will here tell the Reader where he may find the whole Contents of the following little Abstract of Divinity and Casuistry, because it would be a tedious piece of Work to set down the Words of each of them distinctly, and quote them every one round at the end of their several different Sentences, which tend to the same Meaning, but I will strictly keep to the Sense of them all; and I here give the Reader their Names, and the Places, that he may consult them himself, if his Inclination leads him to be so curious; Thomas Aquinas 4. *Distin.* 34. *questio.* 1. *Art.* 3. Bona, 2. *Dist.* 7. *Art.* 2. *Quæst.* 1. Joannes Major, 4. *Dist.* 34. *quæst.* 2. Sylvester, *Verbo Malefico. quæst.* 8. Rosella, *Verb. Impedimentum* 15. *cap.* 18. Tabiena, *Verb. Imped.* 12 *Vers.* Cajetan, *Tom.* 2. *Opusc.* 12. *de Malefic.* Alphonsus a Cast. *Lib.* 10. *de Justâ Hæreticorum punitione. cap.* 15. Cosmus Philiarthus, *de Offic. Sacerdot.* p. 2. l. 3. *cap.* 11. Toletus in *Summa.* lib. 4. *cap.* 16. Spineus, in *Tract. de Strigibus.* Petrus Binsfield, in *Tract. de Confessionibus Maleficorum.*

These Divines have generally written upon impious Arts of Magick, which they call by the Name of Divination; and this Divination (as they term it) they divide into two Kinds, the *One*, in which the Devil is *expressly* invoked to teach hidden and occult things; the *Other*, in which he is *tacitly* called upon to do the same. An *express* Invocation is by Word or Deed, by which a real Pact is actually made with the Devil, and that is a Sin that affects the Death of the Soul, according to the Laws of Theology, and ought to effect the Death of the Body, according to Civil and Political Laws. The *tacit* Invocation of Dæmons is then only, when a Man busies himself so far with such Persons, that it is meet and just that the Devil should be permitted to have to do with him, though it was opposite to the Intention of the Man.

But then this *express* Invocation again is subdivided into several Species, according to the diverse manners by which the Devil instructs these Men.

The first is *Enchantment*, which I need not describe, and of which I will speak no more, because it is what every Body knows to be detestable, and no Body ought to know the Art thereof.

The second is *Divination* by Dreams, when any Instructions are expected from the Devil by way of Dream, which is a capital Crime.

The third is called *Necromancy*, which is, when by the use of Blood and Writing, or Speaking certain Verses the Dead seem to rise again, and speak and teach future things. For tho' the Devil can't recal a Soul departed, yet he can (as some have thought) take the Shape of the dead Corpse, himself actuate it by his Subtilty, as if it was inform'd with a Soul. And some affirm, that by the Divine Permission, the Devil can do this, and spake so in the Case of *Samuel* and *Saul*. But Divines of a more solid Genius attribute that Power only to the Deity, and say, with Reason, that it is beyond the Devil's Capacity. But it is certain this was a Divination done in dead Animals by the Use of their Blood, and therefore the word is derived from the Greek νεκρὸν, which signifies Dead, and Μαντήα, which signifies Divination.

The fourth Species is called *Divination* by the *Pythians*, which was taken from *Apollo*, the first Diviner, as *Thomas Aquinas* says in his *Secundâ secundæ qu. 95. Artic. 3.*

The fifth is called *Geomancy*, which is when the Devil teaches any thing by certain Signs appearing in the earthly Bodies, as in Wood, Iron, or polish'd Stones, Berylls, or Glafs.

The Sixth is named *Hydromancy*, as when a Daemon teaches any thing by Appearances in the Water.

The seventh is stiled *Aeromancy*; and 'tis when he informs People of such things by Figures in the Air.

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The eighth is entituled *Pyromancy*; that is, when it instructs People by Forms appearing in the Fire.

The ninth is termed *Aruspicy*; which is, when by Signs appearing in the Bowels of sacrificed Animals the Dæmon predicts at Altars.

Thus far, as to *express* Divination, or Invocation of the Devil, which is detestable, and the very consulting of Persons, that use such unlawful Means, is according to the Judgment of all Casuists, the high Road to eternal Damnation.

Now as to *tacit* Divination or Invocation of the Devil, that is divided into two subaltern Kinds. The first Kind is, when for the sake of knowing hidden things, they make use of a vain and superstitious Disposition existing in things to judge from; which Disposition is not of a sufficient Virtue to lead them to any real Judgment. The second Kind of *tacit Divination* is, when that Knowledge is sought by the Disposition of those things, which Men effect on purpose and of their own accord, in order to come by and acquire that Knowledge.

Both these kinds of *tacit* Divination are again subdivided into several Species, as are particularly mentioned by St. *Thomas*, *Secundâ Secundæ*. Quæst. 95. Artic. 3. *Gregory de Valentine*, Tomo 3. Disput. 6. quæst. 12. Puncto 2. *Toletus* in Summâ. Lib. 4. cap. 15. And *Michael Medina* Lib. 2. de rectâ in  
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*Deum fide : post sanctum Augustinum. Lib. 2. de Doct. Christ. cap. 19. & sequen.*

The first of these Kinds of tacit Divination, contains under it the following several Species.

The first Species is called *Genethliacal*, which is when from the Movement or Situation of the Stars, Mens Nativities are calculated and enquired into so far, as that from such a Search they pretend to deduce the Knowledge of human Effects, and the contingent Events that are to attend them. This *Thomas Aquinas*, and *Sixtus Quintus* condemn; but I shall with Humility and Submission to greater Judgments enquire hereafter into their Reasons, and give my Opinion why I think this no evil Art; but I submit my Opinion, if, after it is given, it is thought erroneous.

The second is *Augury*, when any thing is predicted from the chattering of Birds, or the voice of Animals, and this may be either lawful, or unlawful. If it comes from natural Instinct (for Brutes having only a sensitive Soul, have their Organs subject to the Disposition of the greater Bodies in which they are contained, and principally of all to the Celestial Bodies) his *Augury* is not amiss. For if when Crows are remark'd to Kaw (as the Vulgar Phrase is) more than ordinary, it is, judging according to the Instinct of their Nature, if we expect Rain, and we may reasonably depend upon it, we shall be right if we foretel Rain to be at hand. But sometimes the Devils actuate those

those Brute Animals to excite vain Ideas in Men, contrary to what the Instinct of their Nature compels them to. This is superstitious and unlawful, and forbid in holy Writ.

The third is *Aruspicy*, when from the Flight of Birds or any other Motion of any Animals whatsoever, Persons pretend to have an Insight and a penetrative Knowledge into occult and hidden Matters.

The fourth consists in *Omens*, when for Example a Man from any Words which others may have spoken on purpose or by accident, pretends to gather a way of looking into and knowing any thing of Futurity.

The fifth is *Chiromancy*, which consists in making a pretence to the Knowledge of future things by the Figures and the Lines of the Hands: And if it be by consulting the Shoulder-bones of any Beast, it goes by the name of *Spatulamancy*.

As the first kind of Divination, by a *tâcit* Invocation of the Devil, is divided into the five Species above mentioned; so also is the second kind of *tacit* Divination or Invocation of the Devil, divided into two Species by St. *Thomas of Aquin*, *Secunda secunda, quæstione nonagesimâ quintâ articulo tertio*, and too tedious to insert here.

Now all these ways are by these Divines counted wicked, and I set them down that People may avoid them. For how many Gypsies and Pretenders to *Chyromancy* have we in  
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London and in the Country? How many that are for *Hydromancy*, that pretend in Water to shew Men mighty Mysteries? And how many in *Geomancy*, with their Berylls and their Glasses, that, if they are not under the Instigation of the Devil, propagate the Scandal at least by being Cheats, and who ought to be punish'd, to the utmost Severity, as our *English* Laws enact? Mr. *Campbell*, who hates, contemns, and abhors these ways, ought, methinks, to be encouraged by their being restrain'd; and People of curious Tempers, who always receive from him moral and good Instructions, which make 'em happy in the Conduct of Life, should be animated in a publick Manner to consult him, in order to divert the curious Itch of their Humours from consulting such wicked Impostors, or diabolical Practicers, as too frequently abound in this Nation, by reason of the inquisitive Vulgar, who are more numerous in our Climate, than any I ever read of.

But now to argue the case of Conscience with Regard to his *particular* Practice by way of the Second-Sight, whether, *in foro Conscientiæ*, it is lawful for him to follow it, or others to consult him? The Divines above-mentioned having never had any notice of that Faculty in all likelihood, or if they had never mentioning it, makes it a point more difficult for me to discuss; but I think they have stated some Cases, by the making of which

which my Premisses, I can deduce from all the learned Men I have above quoted a Conclusion in favour of our Mr. *Duncan Campbell*, and of those who consult him ; but my Opinion shall be always corrected by those who are wiser than my self, and to whom I owe entire Submission. I take leave to fix these Premisses from them first, and to form my Argument from them afterwards in the following manner.

*First*, It is allowed by all these Divines, that a Knowledge which one may have of future Things within the Order of Nature, is, and may be lawful.

*Secondly*, They imply, that where Justice is not violated, it is lawful both to predict, and to consult.

*Thirdly*, Many of them, but particularly *Aureolus* puts this Question: Is it lawful to go to one that deals in the Black Art, to persuade them to cure any innocent Body, that another *Necromancer* or Dealer in the Black Art may have maliciously afflicted, and tormented with Pains ? And some of these Casuists, particularly *Aureolus*, say, it is lawful on such an Occasion to go to such a Conjuror, because the end is not Conjunction, but freeing a Person from it.

But I take leave to dissent from these great Men, and think they are in a double Mistake ;  
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first in stating the Question, and then in making such an Answer, provided the Question had been stated right.

The Question is founded upon this Supposition (which is past by as granted), *viz.* that one *Necromancer* could release a Person bewitched by another, which is absolutely false; for it's against the Nature of the Devil to be made an Instrument to undo his own Works of Impiety: But admitting and not granting this to be possible, and the Question to be rightly stated, why still these Casuists are out in their Answer? It is lawful, reply they, because the end of going to the Conjurers, is not Conjunction, but freeing a good Person from it: But the end is not the Point here to be consider'd, it is the Medium which is bad, that is to be consider'd. It is by Conjunction, (according to their Hypothesis) the other Conjunction is to be dissolved; and does not the common Rule, that a Man must not do Evil that Good may come of it, forbid this Practice? And to speak my Opinion plainly in that case, the Friend that should consult a Conjuror for that end, would be only so kind to put his own Soul in danger of being guilty of Hell-torments, to relieve his afflicted Friend from some bodily Pains, which 'twould be a Virtue in him to suffer with Patience and Resignation.

Others almost all Divines indeed agree, that it is and may be lawful to go to a Conjuror  
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that torments another, and give him Money not to afflict the Patient any longer ; because that's only seeing him to desist from acting after his conjuring manner.

These Premises thus settled, if we allow the *Second-Sight* to be in-born and in-bred, and natural and common to some Families, which is proved in the Book ; and if all that Mr. *Campbell* has predicted in that Second-sighted way terminates with moral Advice, and the Profit of the Consulter, and without the Violation of Justice to others, as the Book shews all throughout ; if he can relieve from Witchcraft, as it seems Oath is to be had he can, which no one that deals in Black Art can do, why then I need not draw the Conclusion, every Reader will do it naturally ; they will avow all the strictest Laws of Casuistry and Morality to be in favour of Mr. *Campbell* and his Consulters.

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